

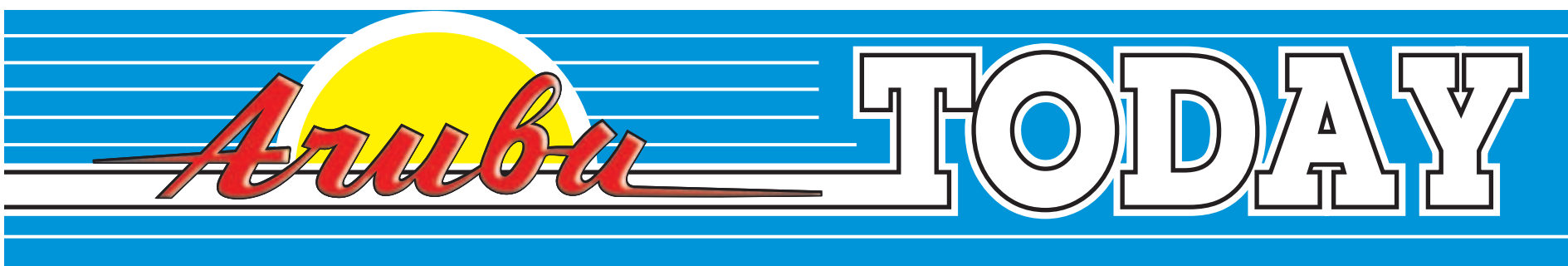
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## COLD PLAY

STEVE SZKOTAK  
Associated Press

**RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)** — A winter storm delivered a sloppy mix of snow, freezing rain and sleet to the southern Mid-Atlantic region and other U.S. states Sunday, with parts of Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey seeing more than



Baylor junior Michael Blair bundles up at an NCAA college football game between Texas and Baylor Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, in Waco, Texas. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

3 inches (7.5 centimeters) of accumulation, making driving dangerous for millions of residents nationwide.

The slow-moving storm prompted officials in Virginia, parts of Maryland and other states to urge residents to stay off the roads and forced scattered airport delays. In Wisconsin, there were several vehicle pileups due to snow and dangerous road conditions, with one fatal interstate rollover.

In Pennsylvania, the snow wreaked havoc on the turnpike.

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Doves are released for Nelson Mandela at the Grand Parade in Cape Town, South Africa, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013. South Africans flocked to houses of worship for a national day of prayer and reflection Sunday to honor former President Nelson Mandela, starting planned events that will culminate in what is expected to be one of the biggest funerals in modern times.

(AP Photo/Nardus Engelbrecht)

## South Africans Embark On Day Of 'Prayer And Reflection'

Lydia Polgreen  
Alan Cowell  
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**JOHANNESBURG** - South Africans on Sunday began a week of commemorations following the death of Nelson Mandela with what officials called a day of prayer and reflection, gathering in places of worship, private homes and open fields to offer spiritual homage to the man who embodied the battle against apartheid.

For the country's politicians it was a time to urge unity and continuity after the death last Thursday of Mandela, who was 95.

But for others, the eulogies were freighted with concern about the future, adding a sharper edge to their prayers for peace in the post-Mandela era. In the vast squatter camp of Diepsloot north of central Johannesburg, where thousands of South Africans and immigrants from neighboring countries live in tin shacks with no plumbing and often no electricity, people gathered in tin-walled churches, under copes of trees and in open fields to offer prayers for Mandela. "Thank you, Madiba," a group of women from Zim-

babwe sang in a plaintive a cappella, in a meadow of wildflowers, using Mandela's clan name.

"Nelson Mandela was a leader chosen by God, and now God has called him home," said Virginia Sibanda, a 40-year-old housekeeper from Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, who has lived in Diepsloot for nearly two decades. "He was a leader not just for South Africa but for all Africans, and the world." Many migrants living in Diepsloot worried that Mandela's death would leave them more vulnerable to the xenophobic at-

tacks that have wracked the community in recent years. With rising crime, joblessness and deteriorating living conditions, South African residents have frequently turned on those from other countries. Mandela and his foundation had sought to reduce such violence.

"Rumors have been passing through the town that once Mandela dies we immigrants will be attacked," said Nkosi Nkomo, the pastor of a small church with a largely Zimbabwean congregation.

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# Pearl Harbor ceremony marks bombing anniversary

**AUDREY McAVOY**

**Associated Press**

**PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP)** — About 50 survivors of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor paused Saturday at the site to honor those killed and remember the moment that plunged the U.S. into World War II.

Alvis Taylor, 90, was serving as an Army medic when the attack began. His superiors, who were doctors, rushed to hospitals to care for the wounded and left him in charge. He went to Pearl Harbor, about 18 miles (29 kilometers) south of his Army post at Schofield Barracks, with dozens of ambulances.

"I remember everything that happened that day," Taylor said grimly.

A crowd of about 2,500 joined the survivors at Pearl Harbor to honor those killed and those who fired back, rescued the burned and went on to serve during the war.

Roughly 2,400 sailors, Marines and soldiers were killed at Pearl Harbor and other military installations on the island of Oahu in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

Taylor, who lives in Davenport, Iowa, decided to return to Pearl Harbor for the first time since the war this week because the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America paid for him and his wife to make the trip.

Of the tens of thousands of servicemen who survived, about 2,000 to 2,500 are still living.

Delton Walling, who was assigned to the USS Pennsylvania at the time of the attack, said they're "in the twilight years."

"I come back to be with my comrades — meet the ones who are still alive, and we're going fast," said Walling, who is 92 and lives near Sacramento, California.

The crowd observed a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the minute the bombing began 72 years ago.

A vintage World War II-era airplane — a 1944 North American SNJ-5B — flew overhead to break the si-

lence. The Hawaii Air National Guard has used its fighter jets and helicopters to perform the flyover for many years, but federal budget cuts prevented it from participating this year. The Navy and National Park Service co-hosted the ceremony, which was open to the public.

The current U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., said the U.S. remembers Pearl Harbor and is vigilant.

"The United States is and will remain a Pacific power. But we also remember the warning from those who survived Pearl Harbor, and we are increasing our vigilance accordingly," Harris said. "Today, we are focused as we listen for the sound of the alarms."

Former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia, choking back tears at times, spoke of his father who served in the Navy during the war.

"He was my hero," Cleland said in his keynote address.

"For all the Pearl Harbor survivors, thank you for teaching us all how to survive," Cleland said. "How to not just survive but how to strive,

to turn things around. And how to ultimately thrive in life."

Cleland, who lost both legs and his right arm fighting in the Vietnam War, is current-

sion is responsible for managing overseas cemeteries for fallen American troops. Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie and Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer were among

vivors.

"Pearl Harbor was such a horrific tragedy in the U.S., but it makes me proud to know that the men here are the fabric of what



**Pearl Harbor survivor Lou Contor stands in the memorial room aboard the USS Arizona Memorial during the ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, in Honolulu.**

(AP Photo/Marco Garcia)

ly secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The commis-

those attending.

Brewer said it was an honor to be there among the sur-

America is made of," Brewer said in a statement after the ceremony. □

## US vet Merrill Newman home from North Korea

**HAVEN DALEY**

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A tired but smiling 85-year-old U.S. veteran detained in North Korea for several weeks has returned home to applause from supporters, yellow ribbons tied to pillars outside his home and the warm embrace of his family.

Merrill Newman arrived at the San Francisco airport Saturday after turning down a ride aboard Vice President Joe Biden's Air Force Two in favor of a direct flight from Beijing. He emerged into the international terminal smiling, accompanied by his son and holding the hand of his wife amid applause from supporters.

He spoke briefly to the assembled media, declining to answer any questions or discuss his ordeal.

"I'm delighted to be

home," he said. "It's been a great homecoming. I'm tired, but ready to be with my family."

He also thanked the Swed-

Sweden represents America's interests in North Korea because Washington and Pyongyang don't have official diplomatic relations.

decades after he oversaw a group of South Korean wartime guerrillas during the 1950-53 war.

Last month, Newman read from an awkwardly worded alleged confession that apologized for, among other things, killing North Koreans during the war.

Analysts questioned whether the statement was coerced, and former South Korean guerrillas who had worked with Newman and fought behind enemy lines during the war disputed some of the details.

North Korea cited Newman's age and medical condition in allowing him to leave the country.

Rep. Adam Schiff, a Democrat whose district encompasses Newman's Palo Alto home, said on CNN Sunday morning that North Korea's reason for detaining Newman may never be completely explained. □



**Merrill Newman, left, walks beside his wife Lee and son Jeffrey after arriving at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco.**

(AP Photo/Ben Margot)

ish Embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea, and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing for helping to secure his release.

Newman was detained in late October at the end of a 10-day trip to North Korea, a visit that came six



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## Final funeral for NYC train crash victims

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The last of the funerals for passengers killed when a Metro-North Railroad train derailed was held Saturday, as transit officials worked to fix the tracks for the eventual restoration of full service. Kisook Ahn, 35, was killed last Sunday along with three others when a train flew off the tracks after hitting a curve at 82 mph, (132 kph) nearly three times the 30 mph (48 kph) speed limit. The train operator told investigators he nodded at the controls and didn't apply the brakes until it was too late. Ahn's family traveled from South Korea for the funeral, and her friends and family said she was a loyal and dedicated nurse. She was returning home after her overnight shift at the Sunshine Children's Home and Rehab Center for severely ill children in Ossining, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of New York City, when she was killed. "She was a sweetheart. An angel. She never frowned," former co-worker Ethelina Cox told the Daily News of New York. Ahn arrived in the United States in 2008 as part of an exchange program with a university in South Korea. She graduated from the City University of New York's Lehman College with bachelor and master's degrees in nursing. "She came here to pursue her dreams," her brother, Jinwon Ahn, 45, told the newspaper through a translator. Jinwon said Kisook will be cremated. The family will also have services in South Korea. Funeral services were held Friday for two victims of the derailment. Jim Lovell was a sound and lighting expert and technician on NBC's "Today" show who had been on his way to work on the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. □

## Senate Democrats push for Obama nominees

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Fresh from shackling the traditional blocking ability of the Senate's minority party, Democrats are ready to muscle through President Barack Obama's nominees for pivotal judgeships and other top jobs.

year-end Senate session in which Majority Leader Harry Reid hopes to finish work on a modest budget deal, a defense bill and other lingering items. It will also be the first test of how Republicans respond to the Democratic

President George W. Bush's judicial nominees. How the Republicans respond will become clearer when they return to the Capitol. But in a chamber whose arcane rules give any single senator the ability to throw the brakes on

unanimous consent — a quick voice vote to which no one objects. But angry senators can block fast action.

Democrats could make Republican delays as painful as possible, such as keeping the Senate in session all night and on weekends.

"We're going to seek to achieve as much as we possibly can and hope Republicans will cooperate with us, instead of just using knee-jerk obstruction," said Adam Jentleson, spokesman for Reid.

Republicans are already using the rules to flex their muscle.

When the Senate recessed for Thanksgiving, it did not approve a batch of non-controversial nominations and bills, which it usually does before such breaks. With 60 votes still required to end filibusters against legislation, Republican senators are blocking final passage of the defense bill until Reid allows votes on Republican amendments. On Monday, the Senate will vote to confirm Patricia Millett to become a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Millett is a prominent private lawyer who worked in the solicitor general's office under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Republicans used the old 60-vote requirement for stopping filibusters to prevent a vote on her nomination in October, a blockade that helped prompt Democrats to force the changes. □



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington.  
(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

Despite last month's Democratic power play, Senate Republicans retain the power to slow, though not derail, Obama's appointments.

Left unchanged were other rules that the out-of-power party could use to grind the chamber's work to an excruciating crawl. These range from requiring clerks to read voluminous bills and amendments to forcing repeated procedural votes.

"There are so many ways of slowing things down in the Senate," said Robert Dove, the Senate's former long-time parliamentarian. Monday starts a two-week,

changes. Monday's meeting marks the chamber's first since irritable lawmakers left town Nov. 21 for their Thanksgiving holiday break. Earlier that day, Democrats used their 55-45 edge to reshape how filibusters work, changing the number of votes needed to halt procedural delays against most nominations from 60 to a simple majority. Democrats pushed through the changes after tiring of what they considered excessive Republican efforts to derail Obama's nominees. The move angered Republicans, who argued that Democrats frequently tried blocking

much of its work, partisan friction can hurt.

"The fact is it changes personal relationships with everybody on the other side," said Republican Sen. Tom Coburn. "It has damaged the ability of us to move forward."

The Senate is vulnerable to delays because its rules technically require votes on almost anything it does. This includes agreeing to not read aloud an entire amendment, agreeing to begin considering nominations, even letting committees meet while the Senate is in session.

To save time, the Senate usually does such things by

## Pentagon chief plans to stop in Pakistan on Monday

**LOLITA C. BALDOR**  
**Associated Press**

**CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan (AP)** — U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says he'll visit Pakistan on Monday — a rare stop for a Pentagon chief in re-

cent years.

U.S. relations with Pakistan have seesawed because of drone strikes and military operations along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, though there have been some signs of improvement.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met with President Barack Obama in late October.

Hagel plans to see Sharif and other officials. Expected topics include Afghanistan and security threats. Hagel made the an-

nouncement during a Sunday meeting with troops at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan.

The last U.S. defense secretary to visit Pakistan was Robert Gates in January 2010. □



# United States blitzed by sleet, ice, frozen temperatures

**Continued from front**

Snow covered the fields of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles football teams in white.

The National Weather Service said the high pressure system from North Carolina north to the New England states is being fed by disturbances from the southwest and moist air off the Atlantic.

"This is not one big storm but a couple storms lined up side-by-side," meteorologist Kevin Witt said. "That's just a recipe for winter precipitation."

The forecast called for the wintry mix to continue through Sunday, turning to rain early Monday. Total snow accumulations in southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern New Jersey were expected to reach 6 inches (15 centimeters).

Paul Jones, 24, a youth hockey coach from Warm-

inster in the Philadelphia suburbs, was on his way to a game in Lancaster when he got stuck — along with his fiancée, another coach and three players — in a major backup on the turnpike.

The roadway was "snow-covered, slick," Jones said in an interview from the car, where he was a passenger and had been at a standstill for more than an hour.

"People are in and out" of

their vehicles, he said.

"Kids are having a snowball fight on the side of the road, making snow angels, people are walking their dogs."

Virginia, parts of West Virginia and the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area braced for blackouts under steady freezing rain, wet snow and sleet.

Parts of northwest and southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia were getting snow, while sleet and freezing rain prevailed west and north of Richmond, Virginia.

"We're actually getting something of everything," said meteorologist Anita Silverman in the Blacksburg, Virginia, office of the National Weather Service.

The snow was been heavier than forecast in Maryland, falling at a rate of an inch (2.5 centimeters) an hour in parts of the state at midday.

Accumulation of 5 inches

(12.5 centimeters) was reported in Carroll County, northwest of Baltimore.

In the Washington area, airports reported scattered delays.

In North Texas, bitter cold settled in Sunday after sleet, snow and ice had pelted the region. About 400 departures from the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were canceled Sunday.

On Interstate 35 north of Dallas, graders with blades to break up thick ice were brought in.

The area was expected to see temperatures slightly above freezing Sunday, with a bit of sunshine, but it will likely still be a couple of days before the ice that has coated the region is gone.

Forecasters said the potent system had already caused numerous power outages and thousands of weekend flight cancellations elsewhere. □



**A light snow falls as Meryl Dann, left, Michelle Kalicki, and Abigail Walsh react while looking at a cell phone photo of themselves in their elf costumes by the White House in Washington, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013. The college students stopped by the White House after participating in the "Jingle all the Way 8K." Snow followed by freezing rain and sleet is expected in the Washington region. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)**

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Police:

# Newlyweds murdered man from Craigslist



Miranda K. Barbour is led into District Judge Ben Apfelbaum's office in Sunbury, Pa., by Sunbury policeman Travis Bremigen. Elytte Barbour told officers before his arrest Friday, Dec. 6, that he and his wife, Miranda, had planned to kill before, but their plans never worked out until last month when Troy LaFerrara responded to an online posting that promised companionship in return for money, authorities said. Elytte Barbour, 22, and Miranda Barbour, 18, face criminal homicide charges in LaFerrara's death. His body was found Nov. 12 in an alley in Sunbury, a small city about 100 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

(AP Photo/Mike Staugaitis)

## SUNBURY, Pennsylvania (AP)

— A couple married for just three weeks lured a man to his death with an ad on the Craigslist website because they wanted to kill someone together, police said.

Elytte Barbour told officers before his arrest Friday night that he and his wife, Miranda, had planned to kill before, but their plans never worked out until last month when Troy LaFerrara responded to an online posting that promised companionship in return for money, authorities said.

"They had tried to kill others before this victim but the plan didn't work out so they continued to try to find someone," police wrote in an affidavit.

Elytte Barbour, 22, and Miranda Barbour, 18, face criminal homicide charges in LaFerrara's death. His body was found Nov. 12 in an alley in Sunbury, a small city about 100 miles (160 kilometers) northwest of Philadelphia. The couple had recently moved to nearby

Selinsgrove from Dunn, North Carolina.

Sunbury's police chief, Steve Mazzeo, said Saturday he did not want to comment on the case or the couple's motives since it was still an active investigation.

According to Sunbury police, Elytte Barbour told investigators he hid under a blanket in the backseat of the couple's SUV as his wife picked up LaFerrara at a mall Nov. 11. He told police that, on his wife's signal, he wrapped a cord around LaFerrara's neck, restraining him while Miranda Barbour stabbed him.

The 42-year-old Port Trevorton man was stabbed about 20 times, police said. Miranda Barbour was charged Tuesday, a day after police first contacted her. She initially denied knowing LaFerrara, but her story evolved as investigators gathered evidence, including the discovery that the last call received by the victim's cellphone was made from her number,

according to a police affidavit.

The affidavit said Miranda Barbour acknowledged meeting the victim in Selinsgrove and driving with him to Sunbury, where they parked. She said LaFerrara groped her and she took a knife from between the front seats and stabbed him after he put his hand around her throat, according to the affidavit.

Barbour told investigators "that they committed the murder because they just wanted to murder someone together," police said in the affidavit.

Police said Miranda Barbour had told them she purchased cleaning supplies

at a department store after stabbing LaFerrara, then picked up her husband and took him to a strip club for his birthday. On Friday, police said, Elytte Barbour told them he was the one who had purchased the cleaning products, an account investigators said was backed up by surveillance footage.

Following his wife's arrest, Elytte Barbour told The Daily Item of Sunbury that Miranda Barbour, whom he married Oct. 22, regularly hired herself out as a "companion" to men she met on various websites, a business venture he said he supported because it didn't involve sexual contact. □

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## Black market brewing for hand-crafted beers

LISA RATHKE

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP)

— As American craft brews gain an intense following, a black market bloomed

which brought about mixed feelings for its brewer.

"It's a compliment in an odd way," said Jen Kimmich, owner of The Alchemist brewery in

want to see the consumer being cheated by paying too much and getting a product that hasn't been taken care of properly." The beer is so popular that

Boston — clamoring for the stuff. Craigslist did not respond to a message seeking comment. Beer geeks often trade coveted craft brews with

who will buy them from the brewery and ship them, said Joe Tucker, executive director of the RateBeer website.

"It's done because the rarity of these releases, the prestige of these releases is a huge driver," he said.

Plenty of trading is done illegally, which RateBeer tries to discourage, he said. He said he once got an unsolicited shipment labeled the Belgian Coffee Company that contained the site's highest-rated beer.

The practice of trading beer doesn't bother most brewers. But buying beer, marking up the price and selling it is another matter. It's illegal in the U.S. to sell alcohol online without a license.

Yet at least hundreds of posts daily last year on eBay offered hard-to-get beers at astronomical prices, said Natalie Cilurzo, co-owner and president of Russian River Brewing, in Santa Rosa, California. She spotted the brewery's flagship Pliny the Elder, which sells for \$5 a bottle, going for between \$15 and \$50, and its discontinued Toronado anniversary beer, which sold for about \$25 at the brewery, being auctioned for about \$700 last year.

"It was out of control," she said. "People were running liquor stores on eBay without any accountability." □



Cans of Heady Topper roll off the line at The Alchemist in Waterbury, Vt. As craft brews gain an intense following, a black market has bloomed.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

in which opportunists sell for hundreds of dollars top-rated beers that are hard to find, in short supply, expensive or illegal to ship. In Vermont, a woman was charged recently with selling five cases of the popular Heady Topper beer for \$825 on Craigslist,

Waterbury, which produces Heady Topper. The hoppy concoction, which retails for \$3 a can and \$72 a case, was recently ranked No. 1 by Beer Advocate magazine out of the top 250 beers in the world.

"But at the same time," she added, "we don't

The Alchemist recently closed its retail shop in Waterbury, Vermont, to appease neighbors concerned about traffic. In the weeks since, a half a dozen posts have appeared on Craigslist — including from southern California, Chicago, and

no money changing hands to get hard-to-find beers that may only be sold in certain states or countries, in limited amounts or are only in draft form.

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## Experts urge US to measure, pursue our happiness

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A panel of experts thinks the U.S. government should be more in touch with Americans' feelings.

By gauging happiness, there'd be more to consider than cold hard cash when deciding matters that affect daily lives, according to a report this week from the National Academy of Sciences, which advises the government.

The panel of economists, psychologists and other experts assembled by the academy recommended that federal statistics and surveys, which normally deal with income, spending, health and housing, include a few extra questions on happiness.

"You want to know how people are doing?" said panel chairman Arthur Stone, a professor of psychology at New York's Stony Brook University. "One of things you may want to do is ask them." Asking how people feel can be as important as how much they are spending, Stone said.

For example, economists have something they call the "misery index" which adds the unemployment and inflation rates, but doesn't include how people feel. If you want to know misery, the question to ask is "how much suffering is going on," he said.

The panel suggests a series of questions to measure daily happiness and



**A smiley face balloon floats over Revere Beach in Revere, Massachusetts as beachgoers head for the water. According to a report released in December 2013 from the National Academy of Sciences, which advises the U.S. government, by gauging happiness, there'd be more to consider than cold hard cash when deciding matters that affect daily lives.**

**(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)** general well-being, asking how often you smiled, were stressed, laughed or were in pain. Example questions ranged from a simple yes-no "Yesterday, did you spend time with friends or family?" to a more complex 1-10 rating for "Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?"

Over the past decade, these types of questions have shown to be valid scientifically, said Carol Graham, a Brookings Institution economist who was on the panel.

The report said the answers can help governments shape policy on basic benefits, such as retirement age and pensions, care for the chronic and terminally ill, unemployment and working conditions. It cited a

study by one of the Nobel Prize-winning panelists that showed people's feelings about commuting problems helped officials decide whether or not to create commuter toll lanes on highways.

In terms of collecting happiness data, the United States government "is a bit of a laggard" behind other industrial nations, said John Helliwell, an economist who co-directs an institute that studies well-being at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

In one of the few surveys where the government does ask, the U.S. is a pretty happy nation. Last year, about 87 percent of Americans considered themselves very happy or pretty happy.

But it's far behind No. 1 Denmark, a host of northern

European countries, Canada, Israel and Mexico. The United States ranked 17th in a world happiness ranking report directed by Helliwell, which was based on international surveys and came out in September.

When governments and academics study happiness they find that money isn't everything. Many of the richest countries, including the United States, weren't in the Top 10 in self-reported happiness in the report.

"Having no money is terrible for everything," said Graham, author of several books on the economics and measuring of happiness. But after people make "a comfortable amount of money," it doesn't add too much to happiness, she said.

That's what a study last week in the journal PLoS

One found. It used worldwide surveys and found that as people made more money worldwide they got happier — but only to a point. That point is just shy of \$36,000 a year per person, or \$144,000 for a family of four.

Once people reached that point, happiness measurements level off and even go down ever so slightly, said study lead author, Eugenio Proto, an economist at the University of Warwick. According to the study, in general, people in the U.S. passed that "bliss point" a few years ago, however federal income figures don't show nearly that high a household wealth level. Happiness studies, Helliwell said, "keep reminding you that there is much more to life than income and housing." □

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## South Africans Embark On Day Of 'Prayer And Reflection'

**Continued from front**

He spent the weekend outdoors with a small group of followers, praying by a campfire shaded by trees. "Lord, bring us peace in this land," Nkomo said. "Let Mandela's spirit live with us."

In other parts of the world, too, people congregated to mark the death of a man whose long incarceration and subsequent election as South Africa's first black president inspired a following far beyond the frontiers of his own land. At a service in London, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the archbishop of Canterbury and head of the worldwide Anglican Communion, called Mandela South Africa's "saving grace."

The week of memorials is to end next Sunday with a state funeral in Mandela's remote childhood village of Qunu in the Eastern Cape region.

On Tuesday, tens of thousands of South Africans and many foreign dignitaries are to gather for a national memorial in a World

Cup soccer stadium here before Mandela's body lies in state for three days in Pretoria at the Union Buildings - once the emblem of the white establishment he helped to overthrow.

On Sunday, top central government and provincial officials, including President Jacob G. Zuma, appeared at churches and other places of worship across the country.

In Bryanston, near Johannesburg, Zuma attended a Methodist church service sitting alongside members of Mandela's family and his former wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela. Mandela received his early education in Methodist schools.

"We should not forget the values that Madiba stood for and sacrificed his life for," Zuma said, urging South Africans to be guided by Mandela's example as a foe of oppression, a fighter for freedom and a model of forgiveness.

Sunday's emphasis on spirituality recalled the role that religion played on both sides of South Africa's epic racial and political battle.



**A woman prepares to pray on a hilltop in Yeoville, overlooking Johannesburg, Dec. 8, 2013. South Africans on Sunday began a week of commemorations following former South African President Nelson Mandela's death with what officials called a day of prayer and reflection.**

**(Joao Silva/The New York Times)**

During years of protest, South African clerics such as the Anglican archbishop Desmond M. Tutu often were embroiled in the turmoil of the country's seg-

regated black townships. They led calls for apartheid's end even as they sought to temper the anger of nonwhite South Africans toward compatriots they viewed as stooges of white rule.

Some churches, most notably Regina Mundi in Soweto, became crucibles of dissent.

Among the dominant white Afrikaner minority of that era, though, the Dutch Reformed Church was often depicted as offering scriptural justification for the policies of racial separation that became the code of power after the Afrikaner-dominated National Party was elected in 1948.

Those who dissented, including the prominent Afrikaner cleric Dr. Beyers Naude, were shunned. Naude himself was even-

tually declared a banned person.

At the Regina Mundi church Sunday, the Rev. Sebastian J. Rossouw, told hundreds of congregants that Mandela had offered a "guiding light" toward a better future, news reports said, "but he cannot do it alone."

In St. Martin-in-the-Field church in London, Welby spoke of Mandela's long imprisonment on Robben Island off Cape Town and of his relationship with his captors.

"His courage was undefeated, indomitable, extraordinary," the archbishop said. "His capacity to go on becoming more human was breathtaking. His guards grew to respect and even love him. One called him a father figure, whose absence was a bereavement. □"



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## Protesters in Kiev topple Lenin statue; rallies grow

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KIEV, Ukraine - Protesters in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, toppled the city's main statue of Lenin on Sunday and then pounded it into chips with a sledgehammer as a crowd chanted and cheered. The destruction of the statue was a cathartic moment in the biggest day of demonstrations so far against President Viktor Yanukovich's turn away from Europe.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians filled the streets of Kiev on Sunday, first to hear speeches and music and then to fan out and erect barricades in the district where government institutions have their headquarters.

Carrying blue-and-yellow Ukrainian and European Union flags, the teeming crowd filled Independence Square, where protests have steadily gained momentum since Yanukovich refused on Nov. 21 to sign trade and political agreements with the European Union. The square has been transformed by a vast and growing tent encampment, and demonstrators have occupied City Hall and other public buildings nearby. Thousands more people gathered in other cities across the country.

"Resignation! Resignation!" people in the Kiev crowd chanted Sunday, demanding that Yanukovich and the government led by Prime Minister Mykola Azarov leave office.

With the police nowhere to be seen in the city center, protesters in Bessarabia Square toppled the Lenin statue using steel cables and cranks as a crowd gathered to watch.

"People were waiting for this for decades," said one man in the crowd, Leon Belokur. "Now it's happened."

He pulled from his pocket a chip of granite.

"This is a piece of Lenin's hand," he said.

Once the statue was down, men took turns smashing it with the sledgehammer. Onlookers chanted, "Glory to Ukraine!" and cheered the hammerers with cries of "Good job, guys!" as they shielded their faces from flying splinters of stone. One of the hammerers wore his hair in a Mohawk; another was a priest in black vestments. The protesters mounted a Ukrainian flag on the empty pedestal. Many towns in Ukraine tore down statues of Lenin years ago, erasing monuments to the Soviet communism that had crushed their nation with famine, but the one in Kiev had stood intact until Sunday.

The giant rally reflected just how deeply roiled this nation of 46 million people has become since Yanukovich reneged on more than a year of promises to complete the political and free-trade agreements with the European Union.


With Western governments urging a peaceful and lawful solution, but no indication of any possibility of a compromise, the continuing unrest seemed likely to confront Yanukovich with several unpalatable choices, including a crackdown by security officers that many demonstrators say they fear but believe was inevitable.





The president could wait, hoping that increasingly cold weather and demoralization will eventually thin the crowds. □



A protester breaks apart a statue of Vladimir Lenin at the city center in Kiev, Ukraine, Dec. 8, 2013. In the biggest demonstration yet after weeks of growing momentum, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians on Sunday filled Kiev's streets, intensifying their outcry over President Viktor Yanukovich's turn away from Europe.

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# Israeli leader predicts “cold peace” in Mideast

ARON HELLER

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that any agreement to emerge from newly restarted talks with the Palestinians will likely initially result in a “cold peace,” and therefore Israel must insist on “iron-clad security arrangements” to protect itself in case the accord collapses. Netanyahu’s cautious outlook in a video address to the Brookings Institution in Washington came a day after President Barack Obama gave an optimistic prognosis before the same audience, insisting a peace framework could be attained in a matter of months.

The Obama administration embarked on an ambitious nine-month process in July to try to resolve the Israeli and Palestinians’ decades-long conflict. The sides only agreed to enter talks after heavy American pressure and have since held a series of quiet meetings that have resulted in no tangible results, yet plenty of finger-pointing.

The Palestinians accuse Israel of negotiating in bad faith by continuing to build settlements in areas they hope will become part of a future Palestinian state. Israel counters it is the Palestinians who are preventing peace because they continue to refuse to recognize it as a Jewish state.

“It is not too much to ask.

It is the minimum requirement for peace. But it is not the only requirement,” Netanyahu said. “I don’t delude myself. I think that any kind of peace we’ll have is likely, initially, to be a cold peace and it must

Israel has previously held several rounds of peace talks with the Palestinians over the past two decades that have ultimately collapsed. It has forged peace deals with two other Arab neighbors, Jordan

diplomatic relations. Responding to Israeli security fears, John Kerry arrived in the region last week for his eighth visit to as secretary of state. This time he was accompanied by his security adviser, retired



Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, chairs the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013.

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withstand the forces of terrorism and the ravaging forces of radicalism and all the forces backed by Iran and others that will try to unravel the peace.”

and Egypt. The peace with Egypt, Israel’s first with an Arab country, is often described as “cold” since beyond the absence of war it did not evolve into warm

Gen. John Allen, who presented proposals on ensuring Israeli security under a peace deal. The idea, American officials said, was that by easing Israeli con-

## North Korea: Kim’s uncle removed from power

FOSTER KLUG

Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — North Korea on Monday acknowledged the purge of leader Kim Jong Un’s powerful uncle on allegations of corruption, drug use and a long list of other “anti-state” acts.

The lengthy dispatch by state media apparently ends the career of the country’s second most

powerful official and leaves Kim Jong Un without a man long considered his mentor as he consolidated power after his father’s death two years ago.

Jang Song Thaek formed a faction in the ruling party “by creating an illusion about him” and distorting and weakening party goals, the dispatch said. Jang was described as “abusing his power,” being

“engrossed in irregularities and corruption,” having “improper relations with women,” taking drugs, and gambling at casinos while undergoing medical treatment in a foreign country. South Korean intelligence officials said days ago that two of Jang’s aides had been executed for corruption, and a recent state documentary in the North had all images of Jang removed. □

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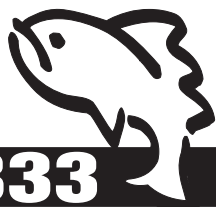


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## Venezuelan president faces tough first electoral test



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### JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Nicolas Maduro faced his first electoral test since being elected nearly eight months ago, as Venezuelans went to the polls on Sunday to judge his government's response to mounting economic troubles. Maduro supporters roused voters before dawn with

trucks blasting reveille, but early turnout seemed to be light, at least in the impoverished Petare neighborhood and some other districts of the capital.

The vote for mayors and city councils in this deeply polarized country was bound to be competitive. Maduro defeated opposition leader Henrique Capriles by a razor-thin margin in the election held

in April to choose Hugo Chavez's successor following his death from cancer. Capriles has refused to recognize the results, alleging fraud

Since then, Venezuela's economic troubles have deepened, with inflation touching a two-decade high of 54 percent, and shortages of everything from toilet paper to milk spreading while the black market value of the currency plunges.

Not surprisingly, disapproval of Maduro's rule had been rising, especially within the coalition of ideological leftists and members of the military that he inherited from Chavez.

But the 51-year-old former bus driver has managed to regain momentum by going after groups and businesses he accuses of waging an economic war against his socialist government. Among the most popular measures: the seizure of dozens of retailers and the slashing of prices on plasma TVs, fridges and other appliances.

Local pollster Luis Vicente Leon says the offensive

has helped boost president's approval rating to just over 50 percent, about the same level of support he garnered in the April election, from 41 percent in September.

Unlike the opposition, which claims it's the target of a campaign by Maduro to intimidate media that provide airtime to its events, pro-government candidates have also been helped by abundant coverage of almost-daily appearances by the president.

Maduro has also decreed Sunday a national holiday of "loyalty and love" for Chavez, whose legacy remains strong among poor Venezuelans.

The opposition is seeking to pick up votes in major cities — it currently holds just three of the top 10 most-populated districts, including the capital Caracas — and score a symbolic victory by taking the majority of the national total. □

### Colombia:

## Rebels announce 30-day cease-fire

HAVANA (AP) — Colombia's largest rebel group says it's calling a 30-day cease-fire starting Dec. 15. Leaders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia made the announcement Sunday in Havana, which is hosting the insurgents' peace talks with the Colombian government. The communique was read by rebel commander Pablo Catatumbo. The announcement comes

a day after a rebel attack killed nine people in an attack on a police post. Twenty-three civilians and 12 police also were injured. Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos has ruled out a cease-fire on the government's part during the peace talks that started late last year. The rebels declared a unilateral cease-fire when the talks started, but abandoned it two months later. □



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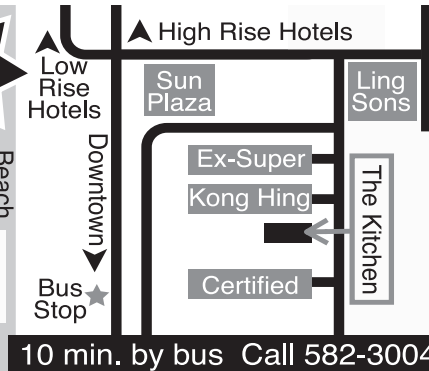


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## Leader in Mao's Cultural Revolution confronts his demons

JANE PERLEZ

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**BEIJING** - On the surface, at least, there is not much about Chen Xiaolu to suggest a lifetime of regret.

The son of one of Communist China's founding generals, he enjoyed privilege at an early age and then a career as a business consultant that took him around the world. Now 67, he relaxes on golf courses in Scotland and southern

Then, suddenly, a posse stormed the stage and beat them until they crumpled to the floor, blood oozing from their heads. He did not object. He simply fled.

"I was too scared," he recalled recently in one of several interviews at a restaurant near Tiananmen Square, not far from his alma mater, No. 8 Middle School, which catered to the children of the Mao elite. "I couldn't stop it. I

old days of the Cultural Revolution and are saying it was just against corrupt officials," he said. "But many things happened in the Cultural Revolution that violated people's rights. The majority in China did not really experience the Cultural Revolution, and those of us who did have to tell people about it."

Chen's remorse stands out because of his stature, then and now. He is quite can-

tor of the school's Revolution Committee, I wasn't brave enough to stop the inhumane prosecutions." The Cultural Revolution remains largely hidden from view in China as successive governments have discouraged discussion of the turmoil and terror that Mao orchestrated to perpetuate his rule but that almost brought the country to its knees.

Deng Xiaoping repudiated the Cultural Revolution in 1978, and the party has acknowledged it was a mistake, but a full accounting has never occurred.

A particularly sensitive subject for the party has been the number of people killed.

In Beijing alone, about 1,800 people died during August and September 1966, the height of the frenzy when Mao first deployed students as Red Guards to turn against the party, according to U.S. historians Roderick MacFarquhar and Michael Schoenhals. Estimates range from 1.5 million to 3 million dead across China from 1966 to 1976.

The fateful criticism ceremony of teachers at the Zhongshan Concert Hall, near the Forbidden City, that Chen organized was brutal even before it began, said Huang Jian, chairman of the alumni group.

On the way to the auditorium, students "wielded whips," lashing at the school principal, Wen Hanjiang, as they frog-marched him, Huang said.

Wen, now 89 and living in Beijing, where Chen recently visited him, was beaten on the stage, too. Back at the school, the atmosphere darkened. The school's senior party official, Hua Jia, committed

suicide. She took her life after two weeks of beatings and being fed only bits of food in a storeroom where she was imprisoned, Chen said.

Someone told him of the suicide, and he rushed to the room to find the body on the floor.

"She used a string tied to the windowsill, put her head through the noose and then knelt down to hang herself," he said.

Chen offered the details quickly and quietly, a tinge of embarrassment in his words. It turned out, he said, she had been a loyal member of the Communist Party for 30 years.

During the early turmoil, Chen lived at home with his parents at Zhongnanhai, the sprawling compound in the center of Beijing where senior party officials were assigned traditional courtyard-style houses.

Life was easy at Zhongnanhai. The children were often summoned to watch Mao swim in one of two 50-meter pools - outdoors in summer, indoors in winter.

There were basketball games, rowing on a lake and weekend movies.

But soon, trouble struck at the heart of the Chen family. In a speech in early 1967, Chen Yi dared to criticize the Cultural Revolution. Mao sidelined him, and the man who had greeted every foreign leader to the new China was subjected to a humiliating self-criticism session and ordered to stay at home.

After his father was disgraced, Chen stopped living at home "to keep more distance."

In summer 1968, Mao dispersed the students to the countryside. Prime Minister Zhou Enlai spared Chen that fate by sending him to the army. □



**Chen Xiaolu, a former member of China's Red Guard and the son of Chen Yi, a founder of Communist China and its longtime foreign minister, in Beijing. Chen's public apology for persecutions nearly 50 years ago has raised hopes that China might finally be ready to face its dark past.**

(Gilles Sabrie/The New York Times)

France and eschews the dark suits and high-maintenance black hair of most affluent Chinese men for casual shirts and a gray buzz cut.

But beneath the genial exterior is a memory that has haunted him for nearly 50 years. There he was, back in high school, a fresh-faced member of the volleyball team and a student leader in Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution, ordering teachers to line up in the auditorium, dunce caps on their bowed heads. He stood there, excited and proud, as thousands of students howled abuse at the teachers.

was afraid of being called a counterrevolutionary, of having to wear a dunce's hat."

A ripple of confessions about the Cultural Revolution from former Red Guards, most of them retired men of modest backgrounds, has surfaced in the past few months. But it was Chen's decision to step forward in August with a public apology that has drawn the most attention, raising hopes that a nation so determined to define its future might finally be moving to confront the horrors of its past.

"Many people are thinking back fondly to the good

did that as the son of Chen Yi, a founder of Communist China and its longtime foreign minister, he was handed the mantle of immense authority during the decisive, early days of the Cultural Revolution.

"I bear direct responsibility for the denouncing and criticism, and forced labor re-education of school leaders, and some teachers and students," Chen wrote in a blog post on his school alumni website in August that quickly circulated on the Internet. "I actively rebelled and organized the denunciations of school leaders. Later on when I served as the direc-





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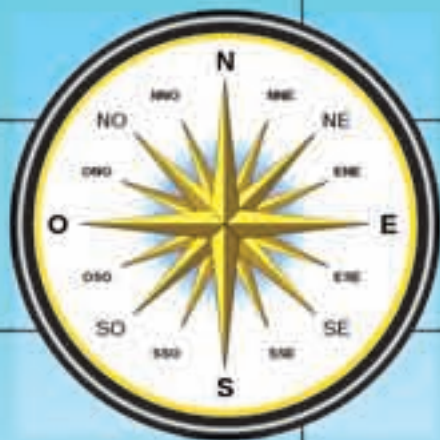
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## NFL Capsules

# Eagles win in blizzard as McCoy has 217

**The Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — LeSean McCoy ran for a franchise-best 217 yards, including touchdowns of 57 and 40 yards, and the Philadelphia Eagles overcame two TD returns by Jeremy Ross to beat the Detroit Lions 34-20 in a blizzard Sunday. Ross returned a punt 58 yards for a score and ran a kickoff 98 yards. But McCoy sprinted 57 yards up the middle for a tying TD, and Nick Foles connected with Riley Cooper on the 2-point conversion. Foles sneaked in from the 1 and Chris Polk had a 38-yard touchdown run to cap a 28-point fourth quarter for the Eagles (8-5).

Snow began falling two hours before kickoff and intensified after the game started. Workers used shovels and hand-held blowers to clear off yard lines. Conditions were so poor neither team tried a field goal, and there were 2-point conversion attempts after seven of the eight TDs.

The Eagles, looking to go worst-to-first in the NFC East, won their fifth straight game and took over sole possession of first place. Dallas can make it a tie for the top spot with a victory at Chicago on Monday night.

The Lions (7-6) have a half-



Cleveland Browns cornerback Joe Haden (23) upends New England Patriots tight end Matthew Mulligan (88) after a catch in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, in Foxborough, Mass.

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game lead over the Bears in the NFC North.

**RAVENS 29, VIKINGS 26**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Joe Flacco threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to rookie Marlon Brown with 4 seconds left to ice the win. Brown's catch concluded a five-play, 80-yard drive that took only 41 seconds. It came after Matt Casseled threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to Cordarrelle Patterson with 45 seconds remaining.

Just before that, Baltimore's Jacoby Jones took a kickoff 77 yards for a score, which followed a 41-yard touchdown run by Toby Gerhart, who had replaced an injured Adrian Peterson (ankle) for Minnesota (3-9-1).

The zaniness began when Flacco threw a 1-yard, fourth-down pass to Dennis Pitta with 2:05 go to for a 15-12 Ravens lead.

Baltimore (7-6) has its first three-game winning streak of the season and the inside track for the second AFC wild card.

**PATRIOTS 26, BROWNS 26**  
**FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP)** — Tom Brady threw two touchdown passes in the final 61 seconds and New England recovered an onside kick to set up the comeback win.

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Zach Johnson stands as he sinks a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the third round of the Northwestern Mutual World Challenge golf tournament at Sherwood Country Club, Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, in Thousand Oaks, Calif.  
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**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**THOUSAND OAKS, California (AP)** — Zach Johnson holed out for par from the drop area on the 18th hole at Sherwood to get into a playoff, then he won the World Challenge when Tiger Woods hit a poor shot into the bunker and missed a 5-foot par putt on the first extra hole.

The final World Challenge at Sherwood after 14 years was set up for the perfect sendoff. There was a record crowd and the tournament host was poised to win. Instead, Johnson rallied from four shots down with eight holes to play for his second win this year.

Johnson moves into the top 10 in the world for the first time in his career. □

## Johnson rallies to beat Woods at Sherwood



# Florida St-Auburn title game to usher out BCS era

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

As college football prepares for the final Bowl Championship Series, featuring a Florida State-Auburn championship game, it's easy to see why the coming four-team playoff won't solve all the postseason problems.

Heck, we might just miss the BCS. Maybe?

It sort of worked out this season. Top-ranked Florida State (13-0) was the only team to get through the regular season unbeaten, and the Seminoles did it in dominating fashion. Auburn won the Southeastern Conference, and among the teams with imperfect records the Tigers' resume is best.

The BCS pairings become official with an announcement Sunday night, but there's no question about 1 and 2. It'll be the 'Noles and Tigers at the Rose Bowl

on Jan. 6 for the national championship.

Of course, Big 12 champion Baylor (11-1) and Big Ten champion Michigan State (12-1) might argue with that. But over 16 seasons college football fans have built up what can be called BCS acceptance, learning to live with the fact that there is only room for two.

Fans of particularly aggrieved teams (2000 Miami, 2004 Auburn, 2008 Texas, just to name a few) still burn over the slights. Generally, though, by the time the championship game kicked off, most everybody was on board.

Now think about this season playing out under next season's format. In the new world order known as the College Football Playoff, a selection committee will pick four teams to play in two national semifinals. The winners play for the nation-

al title.

So how would a panel that includes Tom Osborne, Archie Manning and Condoleezza Rice sort out this season's top four?

Florida State and Auburn, of course. And .... Baylor and Michigan State? But what about Pac-12 champion Stanford (11-2)? Sure the Cardinal have two losses, but as Auburn athletic director Jay Jacobs said Saturday at the end of a week in which he and the rest of the SEC practically begged voters to overlook the number in the loss column and focus on quality of opposition: "I have nine words. Strength of schedule. Strength of schedule. Strength of schedule."

Among this season's best teams, Stanford played the toughest schedule.

And what about Alabama (11-1)? The two-time defending national champions only lost once in stun-



Florida State's Jameis Winston (5) leaps over Duke's Bryon Fields (14) for a touchdown in the second half of the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship NCAA football game in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013.

ning fashion to Auburn. Auburn running back and SEC MVP Tre Mason (21) celebrates with teammates as they hoist the SEC Champ ...

"We're not a natural playoff sport," said Duke coach

David Cutcliffe, who was the offensive coordinator at Tennessee when it won the first BCS championship game against Florida State in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl. "I

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# Celtics top Knicks 114-73, biggest rout of season

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Another sizzling start for the Celtics, only this time they kept pouring it on.

Jordan Crawford made six 3-pointers and scored 23 points, and Boston won its third straight with a 114-73 victory on Sunday.

Jared Sullinger added 21 for the Celtics, who jumped to leads of 12-0, 18-1 and 25-3 and improved their Atlantic Division-leading record to 10-12.

"It was just fun to get a win like that in here because I've been on the other side of it a couple times. It's good to get a win against the division," Crawford said.

Boston scored the first 14 points Friday in a victory over Denver, though that one eventually got close.

Not this time.

The Celtics led 58-31 at halftime, then Crawford made four 3-pointers in a 34-point third quarter that extended Boston's lead to 92-56. The Celtics then scored the first four points of the fourth for a 40-point bulge, triggering loud boos that would get louder at the final buzzer.

"I think the biggest thing today was coming out after halftime and keeping it going. That's hard to do," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.

Boston led by as much as 45 and went on to surpass a 38-point victory by the Clippers over Chicago



**Boston Celtics' Jordan Crawford (27) leaps next to New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony (7) after getting fouled during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, in New York. The Celtics won 114-73.**

that had been the NBA's biggest victory this season. The Celtics shot 54 percent overall and 56 percent from 3-point range in the rematch of the Knicks' first-round playoff victory last season.

Carmelo Anthony scored 19 points for the Knicks, who had done to them what they had done to their previous two opponents. Coming off a 30-point victory over Brooklyn and a 38-point rout of Orlando, the Knicks finished with season lows in points and field goal percentage (34.2).

"It's a step backwards. I thought we had turned the corner somewhat," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said in taking much of the blame. "I can't have our guys stepping on the floor doing what they did tonight."

Starting guards Raymond Felton and Iman Shumpert were both 0 for 6, center

"It's just one of those games where it happens," Felton said. "You hate that it happens, you hate to get beat like that inside your building. It was nasty game, it's a bad taste in our mouth right now."

New York fell to 0-6 in its orange uniforms, which the Knicks are wearing in weekend home games and also donned at Chicago on Halloween in their road opener. Their three worst losses of the season have come in their alternate colors.

"I'm not a superstitious guy, so I won't blame it on the 12 o'clock game, I won't blame it on the orange uniforms," said Anthony, who won a national championship for the Syracuse Orange. "Regardless, we could've lost in the white uniforms today. It'd have still been the same thing."

Jeff Green and Brandon Bass each scored 16 for the Celtics, who stay in New York for the next couple of days during something of a reunion week. They face

Kevin Garnett and Brooklyn Tuesday for the first time in the regular season since last summer's blockbuster trade, then return home to face former coach Doc Rivers and the Clippers on Wednesday.

It was 12-0 before the Knicks finally got on the board on Anthony's free throw after the Celtics were called for a defensive 3-second violation.

Crawford and Sullinger then hit consecutive 3-pointers to make it 18-1 before the Knicks finally made a basket on Anthony's dunk with 5:45 remaining.

"We were aggressive on the ball," Green said. "We forced them to play on their heels."

The Celtics led 34-11 after one and opened a 26-point lead when Courtney Lee nailed a 3-pointer to open the second. Leading by 17 late in the period, then ran off 12 in a row, Green's three-point play making it 58-29 with 37 seconds remaining.

Knicks starters were 3 for 23 in the first half. □

## BCS

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think we can make this work with four.

"And the reason I think we'll make this work is I think what we're all going to find out is the arguments are going to get bigger. We're going to go from a few schools being angry to a lot of schools being angry, and maybe that's going to be a good thing. I just want to be in the argument." Florida State showed Cutcliffe how far away Duke is from being in the argument in a 45-7 victory Saturday night in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game. The Seminoles' season has been defined by blow-outs. Their average margin of victory is 42 points, and

they could become just the third team in major college history to win all of its games by at least 14. The only drama this season in Tallahassee, Fla., came off the field, when quarterback Jameis Winston was investigated for sexual assault. The state attorney said there was not enough evidence to charge the redshirt freshman with a crime two days before the Seminoles beat Duke. Winston is the runaway favorite to win the Heisman Trophy next Saturday. He would be the ninth Heisman winner to play in the BCS title game.

Auburn completed its worst-to-first run with a 59-42 victory in the Southeastern Conference championship game against Missouri. The Tigers didn't win

a conference game last season. Under first-year coach Gus Malzahn, they have become an offensive juggernaut, leading the nation in rushing at 335 yards per game. Running back Tre Mason ran for 304 yards and three TDs against Mizzou to make a late Heisman push of his own.

The Tigers have had some good fortune - four games decided in the last 80 seconds, including improbable plays to beat Georgia and Alabama. But it usually takes a few breaks to get this far. Auburn will be looking for its second BCS title in four years, and the SEC's eighth straight. Florida State is back in the championship game for the first time since 2000, looking to win a second BCS crown and third national title overall. □







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### NFL Capsules

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The Patriots (10-3) cut the deficit to 26-21 on Brady's 2-yard touchdown pass to Julian Edelman with 1:01 left. Cleveland received a 15-yard penalty on the play, then Kyle Arrington recovered the onside kick at the Cleveland 40-yard line.

Brady completed a 10-yard pass to Danny Amendola, then Leon McFadden was called for defensive pass interference in the end zone. That put the ball at the 1, where Brady connected with Amendola again.

The Browns (4-9) moved to the Patriots 40 with 1 second left, but Billy Cundiff missed a 58-yard field goal. New England lost tight end Rob Gronkowski to a leg injury in the third quarter.

BENGALS 42, COLTS 28  
CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Dalton threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as the Bengals remained perfect at home

and in control of the AFC North.

The Bengals (9-4) improved to 6-0 at Paul Brown Stadium on a cold, windy day: 28 degrees at kickoff with a wind chill of 19 and light flurries.

Dalton gave his most consistent performance since October, throwing for three touchdowns that kept the Bengals ahead and finishing it off with an 8-yard run in the fourth quarter. Dalton was 24 of 35 for 275 yards without a sack or interception.

The Colts (8-5) had another slow start in the cold, falling behind 21-0 before Andrew Luck threw four touchdown passes to keep them close. CHIEFS 45, REDSKINS 10  
LANDOVER, Maryland (AP) — The Chiefs scored on their first four possessions in the snow, sacked Robert Griffin III five times and Kirk Cousins once, and returned both a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown.

The score was 17-0 after the first quarter and 38-10 at halftime. Quintin Demps immediately answered the

lone Redskins touchdown with a 95-yard kickoff return that resembled at times a winter stroll, part of a stunning tally of 321 return yards by Kansas City in the first half alone.

Jamaal Charles ran 19 times for 151 yards for Kansas City.

The Chiefs (10-3), who lost two to the Denver Broncos sandwiched around a defeat to the San Diego Chargers after starting 9-0, beat up on a bad team. The Redskins (3-10) certainly qualify:

Sunday's game was their fifth straight loss, and coach Mike Shanahan appears increasingly likely to be gone after a third losing season in four years.

DOLPHINS 34, STEELERS 28  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Charles Clay caught two touchdown passes, including a 12-yard strike from Ryan Tannehill with 2:53 remaining.

Daniel Thomas ran for 105 yards and a score. His zig-zag 55-yard burst at snowy Heinz Field set up Clay's winner. □



Detroit Lions' Joiique Bell, left, gets up with the help of Brandon Pettigrew, center, and Calvin Johnson after scoring a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, in Philadelphia.

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# Prater kicks record 64-yard field goal

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DENVER (AP) — Denver kicker Matt Prater kicked an NFL-record 64-yard field goal as the first half expired in the Broncos' game against Tennessee on Sunday.

Prater's kick on a clear day with hardly a hint of wind barely cleared the crossbar.

Prater spread his arms and hollered. His holder, Britton Colquitt, jumped on his back in jubilation as their teammates rushed into the tunnel for halftime.

The record-breaking kick cut Tennessee's lead to 21-20 at the break.

The 64-yarder bested the

record of 63 set by New Orleans' Tom Dempsey in 1970 and tied by Denver's Jason Elam in 1998, Oakland's Sebastian Janikowski in 2011 and San Francisco's David Akers last season.

Janikowski's and Elam's kicks also came in Denver's thin air.

Prater has long said he figured his only chance of breaking the record would be to do it in September before the weather gets nasty in Denver.

But this was the coldest game of the season for the Broncos, although the temperature at kickoff of 18 degrees was much better than it had been during the week, when the Bron-



Denver Broncos kicker Matt Prater, right, kicks a 64-yard field goal as Britton Colquitt holds during the first half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, in Denver.

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cos practiced in temperatures ranging from zero to 3 degrees.

It didn't appear Prater would get his chance at a long field goal when the Broncos got the ball with 52 seconds left in the first half because Steven Johnson's block-in-the-back penalty moved Denver back to its 15-yard line.

Then, a false start on right tackle Orlando Franklin moved them back to the 10.

They lost their last timeout when receiver Wes Welker was injured moments later, so they ran a play to Jacob Tamme, who got out of bounds at the Tennessee 46 with 3 seconds left. □



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## Ligety edges Miller to win World Cup giant slalom

**PAT GRAHAM**

**AP Sports Writer**

**BEAVER CREEK, Colorado**

(AP) — Ted Ligety turned in a flawless final run to win a fourth straight World Cup giant slalom race, edging U.S. teammate Bode Miller. Ligety completed the technical course in a two-run combined time of 2 minutes, 35.77 seconds on Sunday, eclipsing Miller by 1.32 seconds. Marcel Hirscher of Austria was third.

Moments after Miller took the lead with a hard-charging pass through the course, Ligety thrilled the capacity crowd in Beaver Creek, Colorado, with a furious run of his own, leaning across the finish line.

It's the first time the Ameri-

cans have placed two skiers on a GS podium since 2005, when Miller and Daron Rahlves went 1-2.

"To share the podium with Bode is awesome. But I'm a little surprised, actually," said Ligety, who also became the first to capture four straight World Cup GS races since Italy's Alberto Tomba accomplished the feat in 1991. "It was impressive how he was able to bring his intensity up and put down some impressive runs. That's cool to be able to have another American guy challenging me up there."

While everyone else tries to emulate Ligety's giant slalom style — so smooth and effortless — Miller is taking

a different road. He's skiing the way he skis and just seeing what happens. He's not a follower, never has been, something Ligety appreciates.

"If you try to copy somebody's technique, you're going to be several steps behind them all the time," Ligety said. "Because nobody does it better than the original. You have to make it your own thing."

Miller definitely does at that. When Miller stepped into the starting gate for his final run, his wife, Morgan, could barely watch the big screen. As he maneuvered through the course, she jumped up and down, along with the capacity crowd.



Ted Ligety, left, is greeted by Bode Miller after finishing his second run of the men's World Cup giant slalom skiing event and winning the race, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, in Beaver Creek, Colo. Miller took second place.

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And when he finished, she threw her arms up in the air while Bode Miller waved his ski pole, before stabbing it in the snow.

"He's back," Morgan Miller said.

Yep, he sure is.

To think, there were those who told him he'd never

be a good technical skier again, that he should stick to the speed events. This performance, Miller said, was for all those who doubted him as he recovered from what could've been a career ending knee surgery nearly 22 months ago. □

## Vonn 'ready for Sochi'; finishes 5th behind Gut

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**LAKE LOUISE, Alberta (AP)**

— After a fifth-place finish in a World Cup super-G, her third race in three days, Lindsey Vonn used six simple words to sum up where things stand in her comeback from major knee surgery.

"I know," Vonn said, "I can win again."

She also had this to say after coming within a second of winner Lara Gut of Switzerland on Sunday: "I'm ready for Sochi."

The 2014 Winter Games are less than two full months away, and Vonn said she might only race one or two times before then.

"I know that I'm skiing well," said Vonn, the 2010 Olym-

pic downhill gold medalist and a four-time overall World Cup champion. "So I know that I don't need to push myself and try to push the limits of my knee to race as many as races as I can."

Until this weekend, the 29-year-old American had not competed since a high-speed crash at the world championships last February ripped two ligaments in her right knee and broke a bone in that leg. Working her way back from that, Vonn had a setback less than three weeks ago, partially re-tearing her reconstructed right ACL.

"She had a trauma about a month ago, so it's very impressive that she's doing it," said U.S. teammate Le-



Lindsey Vonn, of the United States, races during the second women's World Cup downhill skiing race at Lake Louise, Alberta, Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013.

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anne Smith, who was sixth Sunday. "Every one of her teammates are her biggest fans, I would say. We're happy to have her back." Vonn's first race in 10

months was Friday's downhill, and she was — not surprisingly — rusty and a tad nervous, and wound up 40th, ending a seven-race winning streak at a resort

in the Canadian Rockies nicknamed "Lake Lindsey." In Saturday's downhill, Vonn was 11th.

The "very good progression," as U.S. Ski Team women's speed coach Chip White put it, continued Sunday with Vonn's best showing yet.

She declared herself pleased with her mental and physical improvement over these past few days. "My run was pretty good. I was pushing the line really hard and I think I went a little bit too straight in some sections.

But that's a good mistake to make — pushing the limits and trying to go straighter," Vonn said after finishing in 1 minute, 23.71 seconds. □





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# Apple guides shoppers inside stores with iBeacon

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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — GPS will tell people how to get to the nearest Apple store. With iBeacon, Apple hopes to guide visitors around once they're inside, whether it's to pick up an order, upgrade to a new iPhone or shop for a pair of headphones.

The implications of iBeacon go beyond Apple stores. One day, commuters might get information on subway delays as they stand on the platform, while museum visitors might get details on the painting they are standing in front of. Other retailers will be also able to offer deals or track which aisles shoppers linger in the longest.

In-store location technology does raise privacy concerns, though many shoppers have shown a willingness to be tracked if there's something in it for them.

"With any new technology, you don't know how it's going to be used until it is being used," technology analyst Rob Enderle said.

He said Apple "is pretty good" at getting people to use new technologies, but it could take years for iBeacon to mature and reach its potential. He said Google, Microsoft and other tech companies will likely follow suit with their own location technology.

On Friday, Apple Inc. began using the technology at its 254 U.S. stores to send people messages about products, events and other information — tailored to where they are inside, provided they have downloaded the Apple Store app and have given Apple permission to track them.

Using the iBeacon feature, the app will notify shoppers



This undated photo provided by Apple shows the screen on an iPhone using Apple's iBeacon, offering precise location technology. On Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, Apple Inc. will begin using iBeacon, a part of its iOS 7 mobile software, to send shoppers inside its U.S. stores messages about products, events and other information based where they are in the store.

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if the computer they ordered is ready for pickup, for example. Show a clerk your screen with the order number, and the clerk will get it for you. Walking by an iPhone table? You may get a message asking if you want to upgrade, check your upgrade availability and see if you can get money for trading in your old phone.

Major League Baseball already plans to use iBeacon next year to customize fans' experiences at its ballparks, through the At The Ballpark app. In a demo earlier this year, MLB officials showed how the app can offer special features based on users' location in a stadium, such as coupons in the souvenir shop or a video that plays near landmarks.

Apple demonstrated the technology to The Associated Press this week at its busy, 24-hour Fifth Avenue store in New York City. At this particular store, Apple

has installed about 20 iBeacon transmitters, some of which are simply iPhones and iPads, which come with the capability as part of the iOS 7 mobile software released in September. The transmitters use Bluetooth wireless technology to sense your exact location. That's not possible with GPS, which don't work well indoors and aren't good at distinguishing between locations that are just a few feet apart.

The beacons can be adjusted to specific distances, so you may get some notifications regardless of where you are inside. Others will come only when you are standing at a particular aisle, wall or product demo table. The store can also send out notifications about deals or upcoming events.

Apple is not the first to offer in-store location technology. An app called Shopkick, for example, sends users discounts when they

enter Macy's, J.C. Penney and other stores. But Apple's entry into micro-location puts the nascent technology into the hands of thousands of developers and broadens its reach considerably. Apple said iBeacon provides apps with "a whole new level of micro-location awareness, such as trail markers in a park, exhibits in a museum, or product displays in stores."

To take advantage of this, make sure you have Bluetooth enabled on your phone and download the Apple Store app. You'll have to agree to let Apple track your location and to receive notifications while

in the store. It'll only work if you say yes to both as you set up the app. In addition, your device must have Apple's latest operating system, iOS 7. The app will automatically switch to "in-store mode" once you enter. Even without iBeacon, the app already lets you scan and pay for some items using your phone, get customer service help and reserve products.

Location tracking does raise privacy worries. After all, shoppers may not want their every move watched and recorded inside a store. Apple, however, said that it does not collect information about shoppers inside its stores. □

## Spotify to unveil free mobile streaming service

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AP Business Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Spotify, the Swedish music streaming service, is set to announce a new feature that will allow users to pick specific tracks and listen to them on mobile devices for free.

That's according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to speak about the feature. It will be announced at an event in New York on Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Wall Street Journal reported earlier on the free feature, saying it will mostly serve up music based on the user's input.

The person went further, saying users can pick tracks and put them in a playlist. If the playlist is long enough, Spotify will shuffle the songs and play them back a limited number of times, interspersed with ads. If there

are not enough songs in the selection, Spotify will fill in the gaps with other songs, the person said.

A Spotify spokesman declined to comment Thursday.

Currently, Spotify offers free mobile listening of randomized songs along genres in the U.S. but doesn't allow users to pick specific tracks without paying. Free ad-supported listening with track selection is available on computers. As more listening occurs on the go, the company sought a way to adapt its "freemium" model, where it hooks people with the free version and entices them to upgrade to a paid premium plan, the person said.

A premium subscription, which costs \$10 a month in the U.S., allows customers to listen to any songs or albums they choose, without ads. The premium plan also allows users to save music to their mobile devices. □



# Whiskers Unlimited? Not so much on Wall Street

**PHYLLIS KORKKI**

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**NEW YORK** - Beards are very much in fashion now. Here in Manhattan, you can spot them just about everywhere, from well-trimmed, barely-there goatees to lush, furry profusions of hirsuteness. In certain parts of Brooklyn, it's almost hard to find a man who doesn't have a beard, especially now that the weather is colder.

The employed among these men are wearing their beards to work, and most of their employers are OK with that. You can have facial hair in almost any industry these days, said Allan D. Peterkin, co-author of "The Bearded Gentleman: The Style Guide to Shaving Face" and also a psychiatrist in Toronto.

But there are a few exceptions, he said, and one of them is finance. (Another is politics.)

It may not be true for everyone in finance, especially when you move away from the heart of Wall Street, but, in general, bankers and traders are a conspicuously clean-shaven lot. In fact, I was unable to find a bearded banker to talk to me for this article.

I asked several colleagues to help me track down one of these rare birds. Invariably, they came up with Lloyd C. Blankfein, the CEO of Goldman Sachs, who caused quite a stir this year

when his beard that drew stares in Davos stayed put in New York.

But Blankfein is a high-level outlier, as are other men named by my colleagues: Gary W. Parr, vice chairman at Lazard; Jon S. Corzine, former chief of MF Global; and deal-maker Carl C. Icahn.

That Blankfein has a beard "just shows his alpha status," Peterkin said. "He is at the absolute top of his game, and he gets to do what he wants."

Beards are powerful: They were directly responsible for the Boston Red Sox's winning the World Series this year.

And they are virile. Don't most male financiers want to be powerful and virile? Could be, but there is a consideration that trumps all that: A person with a beard can be interpreted as hiding something beyond just his chin, Peterkin said.

"Older people tend to view facial hair with more suspicion than young people do," he added, having grown up in a time when clean-shavenness was more common.

Beards also have a creative, hipsterish connotation, and "you don't want an ironic hipster handling your funds," he said.

It's fine to be creative with words, music or fabric, hence the beards in fields like media, the arts and

fashion.

But creative with numbers on a financial statement? Not appreciated, which may be why Bernie Madoff didn't have a beard.

Niall Costello, co-owner of Esquires, a salon with locations on Wall Street and in

effort and expense than being clean-shaven, said Costello, who himself has nice, well-trimmed whiskers. Chin hair may need to be clipped and tamed more actively than head hair, he said.

But on the right face, the

lanta office of Fisher & Phillips, an employment law firm.

And an employee can challenge that ban if he (or she, for that matter) argues that a beard is legally protected because of religion, race, disability or gender.



midtown, says he sees far more beards at the midtown shop. And that makes sense, given the higher percentage of people in the fashion and advertising industries who have offices there. On Wall Street, the pressure to uphold that clean-cut look remains strong, Costello said.

In some circles, maintaining a beard can require more

results can be dashing, and Wall Streeters can afford it, right? Perhaps the bankers and traders out there who have long yearned to grow a beard should give it a try - provided that it's not forbidden.

Companies can ban beards as part of their dress code to keep up a certain image, said Jennifer Sandberg, a partner in the At-

Employers can also ban beards for safety reasons, but that's no issue on Wall Street.

o I dare you, if you are an extraordinary man of finance, to grow one.

It's a way of saying: "I'm good enough at what I do and I'm honest enough - and I look so incredibly handsome this way - that I can get away with it." □

## Backing of labor is asset in American-US Airways merger

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Airline mergers are notoriously difficult to pull off, but when the deal between American Airlines and US Airways closes, the giant carrier can at least count on having employees on its side. As the company begins the painstaking task of creating the world's largest airline, it will have to combine two carriers with vastly different operating cultures and backgrounds, as well as their own strained labor histories. Earlier airline combinations highlight how perilous that process can be.

It can take two years for airlines to merge fleets, repaint planes, plan new routes and, critically, try to seamlessly tie together complex computer systems. With fewer airlines left after a wave of mergers, any failure in technology is now more apparent than ever and, given the size of this merger, can affect more passengers. United learned that the hard way last year, when its reservation system failed repeatedly, stranding travelers and forcing large-scale cancellations.

"The two main bogeys that an airline needs to worry

about during any merger integration are labor and technology," said Hunter Keay, an analyst with Wolfe Research.

The outlook on the labor front is promising, he said. "There is a lot of momentum and a lot of trust between the company's management and the union leadership," Keay said.

American, at least for now, has the backing of unions representing its three main employee groups - pilots, flight attendants and ground workers - who have been cheerleaders for the deal, arguing in public as

well as in federal bankruptcy court that the merger should proceed.

This support was gained last year when Doug Parker, chairman of US Airways, reached an agreement with American's employees in exchange for their backing of the merger. Parker, a longtime industry veteran, took advantage of poor labor relations while American was in its bankruptcy restructuring to offer workers a better deal. He now takes over as chief executive of the combined airline, which will be called American Airlines.

As part of the company's restructuring agreement, which was approved last week, American's employees stand to get about a quarter of what the airline's creditors receive. Flight attendants, for instance, will receive from 9 million to 11 million shares in the new company, according to calculations by the Association of Professional Flight Attendants.

"Never before has a Flight Attendant work group emerged from bankruptcy with such a valuable equity claim," the group said Friday. □



## Smart Money:

# Beating the stock market, as a reachable goal

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Robert A. Olstein finds the arguments for index funds personally insulting. "What do you mean I can't beat the market?" he says angrily.

A forensic accountant-turned-mutual fund manager, he doesn't aim to do as well as everybody else. "That's mediocrity," he says. Olstein knows that very few investors manage to beat the market consistently, which is why so many people have poured so much money into index funds - more than \$3 trillion, including traditional mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Such funds mirror the market, and that is enough - or so the thinking goes. Don't even try to do better than average, because you probably won't succeed. That's the crux of the argument for using these funds to capture overall market returns, and it's based on decades of academic research, including the work of Eugene F. Fama, one of the finance professors receiving the Nobel in economic science this weekend.

Nobel or not, Olstein is far from convinced. To the contrary, he says the rise of index funds is part of a trend toward sloppy investing - a willingness to follow the herd, to rely on momentum in a rising market. "It's like saying mediocrity is OK - that it's more than OK; it's the best that anyone should hope for," Olstein says. "It's saying a guy like me can't beat the market - that he shouldn't even bother trying. That's wrong! It really ticks me off. I can beat the market. I have beaten the market." And, in fact, he has - not every year and certainly not every week or every quarter, but over the long run, which, in his case, started in September 1995. That's when he founded the Olstein Financial Alert fund,



Robert Olstein, forensic accountant and fund manager, in Purchase, N.Y. Investing in index funds is an admission of mediocrity, Olstein said.

(Suzanne DeChillo/The New York Times)

now known as the Olstein All Cap Value fund. From its inception through November this year, including fees, his flagship fund returned 10.7 percent, annualized. That's more than 2.4 percentage points better than the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index and substantially better than comparable small-cap indexes. It's also slightly better than the comparable performance of shares of Berkshire Hathaway - a company headed by another value investor, Warren E. Buffett. Berkshire returned 10.3 percent, annualized, during that same period, according to Bloomberg data.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing for Olstein. "I've made mistakes," he readily acknowledges.

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## Paramount signs a deal to rehire Bruckheimer

BROOKS BARNES

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LOS ANGELES - Jerry Bruckheimer is once again a Paramount top gun.

Paramount Pictures said this weekend that it had signed Bruckheimer, one of Hollywood's heavyweight producers, to a three-year, first-look deal for theatrical films that will begin in April. His first movie will be a new version of "Beverly Hills Cop," which is expected to again feature Eddie Murphy.

Bruckheimer had been based at Walt Disney Studios for 20 years, but that relationship ended in September after a string of disappointments from the producer, including "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," "The Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," and, most notably, "The Lone Ranger." In announcing his departure from Disney, he cited a desire to make more "mature" movies. Dis-

ney is focused increasingly on films that flow from Marvel, Pixar, Lucasfilm and fairy tale-focused units.

"I needed a wider berth than Disney could allow," Bruckheimer said in a phone interview.

He joked that he didn't want to focus too intently on the fact that he is returning to his 1980s-era studio home.

"It will make me feel even older than I actually am," he said. (He's 70.)

Warner Bros. had also been vying for Bruckheimer's movie skills; his television programming flows through that studio. Sony Pictures was another option. Producers of Bruckheimer's stature - proven performers who can help attract outside financing - only rarely become available in Hollywood.

But Paramount was always considered the most likely new home for the producer, who along with the late



Jerry Bruckheimer at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif.

(Jordan Strauss/AP)

Don Simpson delivered such Paramount hits in the 1980s as "Flashdance," "Beverly Hills Cop" and its sequel and "Top Gun."

"His signature style has attracted huge global audiences, and we are thrilled to have him back in the Paramount family," Brad

Grey, Paramount's chief executive, said in a statement, noting that "Top Gun 2" will also move forward under Bruckheimer's new contract, with Tom Cruise expected to star.

Bruckheimer is expected to continue to work on franchises he left behind at Disney, including "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "National Treasure."

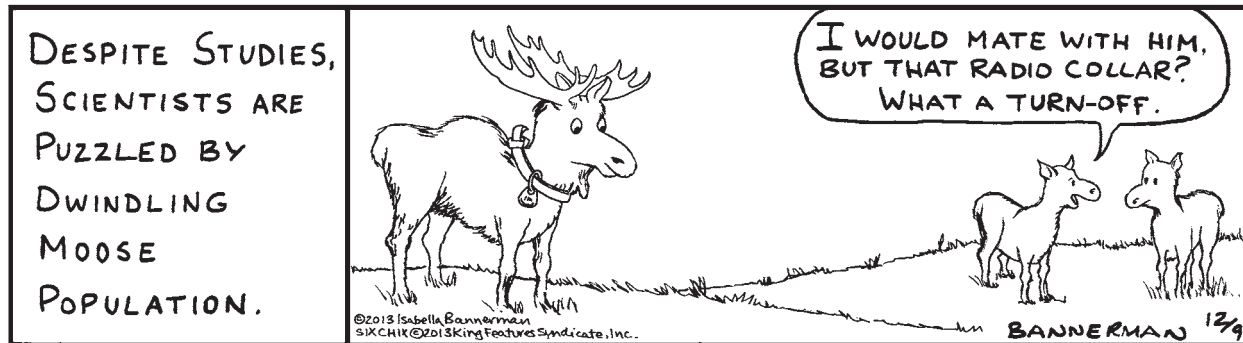
Also Friday, Paramount announced that it had reached a deal with Walt Disney Studios over the future of the "Indiana Jones" franchise. Last year, Disney acquired Lucasfilm, which holds primary rights to the series. But Paramount retained the right to market and distribute new installments. Under the new deal, Disney will now control marketing and distribution for new "Indiana Jones" movies in return for paying Paramount an undisclosed fee on each of them. □



## Mutts



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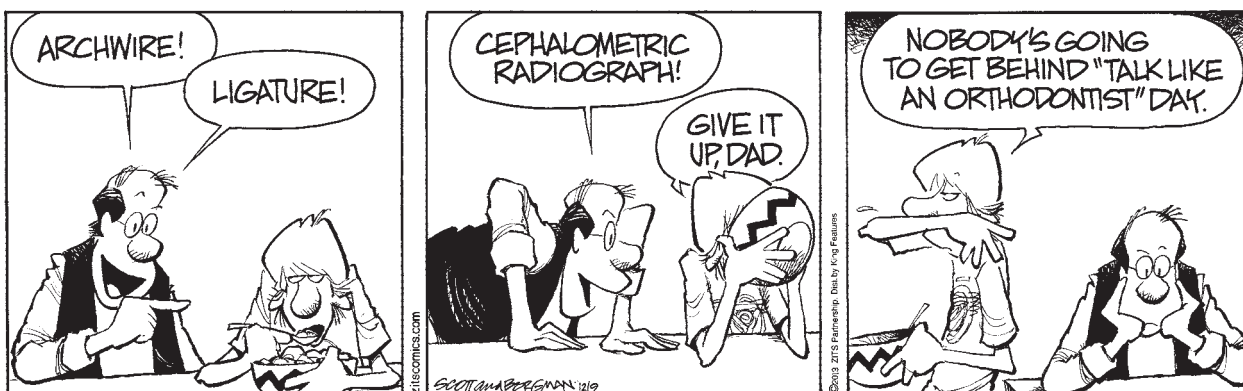
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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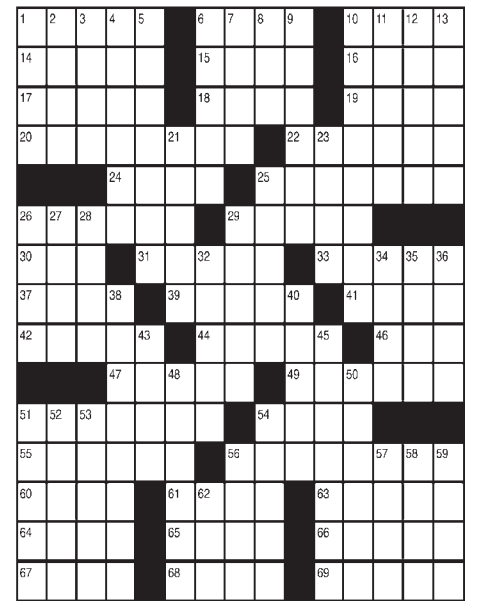
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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## ACROSS

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Mama \_\_\_ Elliot
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  - Pretty woman  
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  - Refer to
  - Mudslinging
  - Capital of Montana
  - \_\_\_ one's ways; reform
  - Poison \_\_\_; itch-causing plant
  - Angry look
  - Autry & Wilder
  - Dweeb
  - Give in
  - Wild overnight dance party
  - Joyce Kilmer's famous poem
  - Beauty parlor
  - Split \_\_\_ soup
  - Objectives
  - Second
  - Sign off on
  - Greek cheese
  - Make
  - "Mind your own \_\_\_!"
  - Warty critter
  - Sudden attack
  - Physicist Pierre or wife Marie
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  - Rex or Donna
  - Margin
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- ## DOWN
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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Olstein's particular approach relies on skills that he says are "practically extinct."

They were honed as an auditor with the old Arthur Andersen & Co. and then, in the 1970s, as co-author of The Quality of Earnings, a financial newsletter that shed light on the murky areas of corporate accounting.

While he is aware of macroeconomic trends, he takes a bottom-up approach that isn't very fashionable these days.

"On Wall Street, so many people are basically just momentum investors, looking for growth and following whatever is trending up," he says. "The market is becoming a casino. I don't play that game. I care about specific companies and whether they are good buys at their price, and if they are, we'll hold on to them."

Olstein looks for stocks that are underappreciated and that are strong in a metric he has always favored: "free cash flow yield." (It is cash, after subtracting capital expenditures and working capital, divided by market capitalization.) "Cash is king," he says. "That's what you're paying for when you buy a stock - the ability to generate cash. But few people

even bother with it these days."

He says he prefers "boring companies" - if their free cash flow excites him. One such company is John Deere, the agricultural equipment maker. He estimates that its free cash flow yield is about 7 percent, a very high level, and that it's likely to grow to 10 percent over the next three years. Its recent prices have been depressed by temporary phenomena like poor weather and low corn prices, which have slowed worldwide equipment purchases. Over the long haul, though, with global population swelling and demand for food increasing, he says, the odds are good that Deere will rise in price.

He contrasts Deere with Cisco Systems, the Internet hardware company. Deere has been boring for decades, he says, while Cisco was one of the most exciting companies in the stock market in the late 1990s. Back then, he took a bearish view on Cisco - correctly, as it turned out. "Too many people were excited about it," he says. "It was a good fast-growing company, but there wasn't enough free cash flow to justify the price of a share."

While Deere shares have quadrupled in price since those days, Cisco is trading at a small fraction of its former price. □

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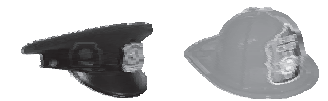
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# Gene therapy scores big wins against blood cancers

MARILYNN MARCHIONE

AP Chief Medical Writer

In one of the biggest advances against leukemia and other blood cancers in many years, doctors are reporting unprecedented success by using gene therapy to transform patients' blood cells into soldiers that seek and destroy cancer.

A few patients with one type of leukemia were given this one-time, experimental therapy several years ago and some remain cancer-free today. Now, at least six research groups have treated more than 120 patients with many types of blood and bone marrow cancers, with stunning results.

"It's really exciting," said Dr. Janis Abkowitz, blood diseases chief at the University of Washington in Seattle and president of the American Society of Hematology. "You can take a cell that belongs to a patient and engineer it to be an attack cell."

In one study, all five adults and 19 of 22 children with acute lymphocytic leukemia, or ALL, had a complete remission, meaning no cancer could be found after treatment, although a few have relapsed since then.

These were gravely ill patients out of options. Some had tried multiple bone marrow transplants and up to 10 types of chemotherapy or other treatments.

Cancer was so advanced in 8-year-old Emily Whitehead of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, that doctors said her major organs would fail within days. She was the first child given the gene therapy and shows no sign of cancer today, nearly two years later.

Results on other patients with myeloma, lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or CLL, will be reported at the hematology group's conference that starts Saturday in New Orleans.

Doctors say this has the potential to become the first gene therapy approved in the United States and the first for cancer worldwide. Only one gene therapy is



**In this Jan. 12, 2013 photo provided by the family, Doug Olson, right, and his son, Jon, stand together after running a half-marathon in Orlando, Fla. As of December 2013, Doug Olson, 67, a scientist for a medical device maker, shows no sign of cancer since gene therapy in September 2010 for chronic lymphocytic leukemia he had had since 1996. "Within one month he was in complete remission. That was just completely unexpected. He probably had about 4 pounds of tumor that was eradicated in 30 days," said Porter, his doctor at U Penn.**

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approved in Europe, for a rare metabolic disease.

The treatment involves filtering patients' blood to remove millions of white blood cells called T-cells, altering them in the lab to contain a gene that targets cancer, and returning them to the patient in infusions over three days.

"What we are giving essentially is a living drug" — permanently altered cells that multiply in the body into an army to fight the cancer, said Dr. David Porter, a University of Pennsylvania scientist who led one study.

Several drug and biotech companies are developing these therapies. Penn has patented its method and licensed it to Switzerland-based Novartis AG. The company is building a research center on the Penn campus in Philadelphia and plans a clinical trial next year that could lead to federal approval of the treatment as soon as 2016. Talking with the research-

ers, agreed.

"From our vantage point, this looks like a major advance," he said. "We are seeing powerful responses ... and time will tell how enduring these remissions turn out to be."

The group has given \$15 million to various researchers testing this approach. Nearly 49,000 new cases of leukemia, 70,000 cases of non-Hodgkin lymphoma and 22,000 cases of myeloma are expected to be diagnosed in the United States in 2013.

Many patients are successfully treated with chemotherapy or bone marrow or stem cell transplants, but transplants are risky and donors can't always be found.

So far, gene therapy has been tried on people who were in danger of dying because other treatments had failed.

The gene therapy must be made individually for each patient, and lab costs now are about \$25,000, without a profit margin. That's still less than many drugs to treat these diseases and far less than a transplant.

The treatment can cause

ones and the rest did not respond. However, some partial responders continue to see their cancer shrink a year after treatment.

"That's very unique to this kind of therapy" and gives hope the treatment may still purge the cancer, said Porter. Another 18 CLL patients were treated and half have responded so far. Penn doctors also treated 27 ALL patients. All five adults and 19 of the 22 children had complete remissions, an "extraordinarily high" success rate, said Dr. Stephan Grupp at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Six have since relapsed, though, and doctors are pondering a second gene therapy attempt.

At the National Cancer Institute, Dr. James Kochenderfer and others have treated 11 patients with lymphoma and four with CLL, starting roughly two years ago. Six had complete remissions, six had partial ones, one has stable disease and it's too soon to tell for the rest. Ten other patients were given gene therapy to try to kill leukemia or lymphoma remaining after bone marrow transplants. These patients got infusions of gene-treated blood cells from their transplant donors instead of using their own blood cells. One had a complete remission and three others had significant reduction of their disease.

"They've had every treatment known to man. To get any responses is really encouraging," Kochenderfer said.

The cancer institute is working with a Los Angeles biotech firm, Kite Pharma Inc., on its gene therapy approach.

Researchers at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center will report on 13 patients with ALL; the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center will report on about two-dozen patients with ALL or lymphoma, and Baylor University will give results on 10 patients with lymphoma or myeloma. Patients are encouraged that relatively few have relapsed. □



**This Nov. 18, 2013 photo provided by the The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia shows Emily Whitehead, 8, 20 months after T Cell Therapy treatment in Philadelphia. In one of the biggest advances against leukemia and other blood cancers in many years, doctors are reporting unprecedented success by using gene therapy to transform patients' blood cells into soldiers that seek and destroy their cancer.**

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ers, "there is a sense of making history ... a sense of doing something very unique," said Hervé Hoppenot, president of Novartis Oncology, the division leading the work.

Lee Greenberger, chief scientific officer of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Soci-

severe flu-like symptoms and other side effects, but these have been reversible and temporary, doctors say.

Penn doctors have treated the most cases so far — 59. Of the first 14 patients with CLL, four had complete remissions, four had partial



## In 2nd week, 'Frozen' tops box office with \$31.6M

JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — In its second weekend at the box office, the Disney animated tale "Frozen" finally cooled off "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," while the week's lone new wide release "Out of the Furnace" wasn't a match for either blockbuster.

According to studio estimates Sunday, "Frozen" led the multiplexes with a haul of \$31.6 million over the weekend, taking over the top spot from "Catching Fire." Lionsgate's "Hunger Games" sequel had topped the box office for the last two weeks, but slid to second with \$27 million in its third week of release. Relativity Media's steel-town drama "Out of the Furnace," starring Christian Bale and Casey Affleck, posed no challenge for the bigger blockbuster hold-overs. It opened with \$5.3 million, good enough for third place on what's typically a quiet early December weekend, sandwiched between Thanksgiving and the coming holiday season

releases.

But it was an excellent weekend for Hollywood, with total box office up 16.9 percent over the same weekend last year. Opening in a limited release of four theaters, the Coen brothers' folk tale "Inside Llewyn Davis" also had one of the year's highest per-theater averages of \$100,500 for CBS Films.

With only a handful of moviegoing weeks left in the year, the strong weekend boosts the year's chances of exceeding 2012's record box office.

This year may surpass last year's \$10.8 billion domestic box office, said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

"We're running just slightly ahead of last year's record pace," said Dergarabedian. "It's going to be really close."

Dergarabedian expects next week's big release, Warner Bros.' "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug," to open in the neighborhood of Peter Jackson's first "Hobbit" film, "An Un-



This image released by Disney shows, from left, Anna, voiced by Kristen Bell, Olaf, voiced by Josh Gad, and Kristoff, voiced by Jonathan Groff in a scene from the animated feature "Frozen."

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expected Journey," which debuted with \$84.6 million last year. This weekend's new releases were minimal since "The Hobbit" is expected to dominate the marketplace next weekend.

Both "Frozen" and "Catching Fire" continued to show legs around the world. "Catching Fire" added \$44.3 million internationally, bringing its global cumulative total to \$673.4 million over four weeks. With

many millions still to come, "Catching Fire" has already almost equaled the \$691.2 million worldwide of the 2012 original.

"Frozen," too, has found strong business abroad. It added \$30.6 million internationally over the weekend.

In its second week of limited release, the Weinstein Co.'s biopic "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom," starring Idris Elba, continued to play in four theaters, earning an

average of \$19,400 per-theater. The Weinstein Co. has said it's not altering the movie's release following the death of South African leader Nelson Mandela on Thursday. "Mandela" opens wide on Christmas. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. □

## Susan Boyle says Asperger's diagnosis was a relief

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**LONDON (AP)** — Singer Susan Boyle says she has been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism — and feels relief at finally having the right label for her condition.

Boyle told the Observer newspaper that she saw a specialist a year ago, who told her she had Asperger's and an above-average IQ. Boyle, 52, had learning difficulties as a child, which she was told were the result of brain damage from oxygen deprivation at birth. She struggled in school and was bullied by other children.

"I have always known that I have had an unfair label put upon me," Boyle said in the interview, published Sunday.

"Now I have a clearer understanding of what's



Susan Boyle performs ahead of the Champions League qualifying second round soccer match between Celtic and Helsingborgs at Celtic Park, Glasgow, Scotland, in this Aug. 29, 2012 file photo.

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wrong and I feel relieved and a bit more relaxed about myself."

The church volunteer from a small Scottish town became a global sensation when she sang the "Les Miserables" number "I Dreamed a Dream" on TV contest "Britain's Got Talent" in 2009.

The contrast between her shy manner and soaring voice won Boyle legions of fans. She has sold more than 14 million records around the world and recently released her fourth album, "Home for Christmas." She makes her big-screen debut in holiday movie "The Christmas Can-

dle."

Boyle has occasionally struggled with the pressures of fame, and was treated for nervous exhaustion soon after her stint on "Britain's Got Talent."

The singer said she was glad she, and others, would now have a better understanding of the struggles she experiences.

"I would say I have relationship difficulties. □

## Stephen King launches Twitter account

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stephen King has decided to give Twitter a try. But don't expect to hear a lot from him. The best-selling horror author can now be followed at the account @StephenKing. According to messages Friday on his Facebook page and his website, the author wanted @StephenKingAuthor, but it was too long. An assistant to King, Marsha DeFilippo, confirmed that King's account was authentic and

said that his publisher, Scribner, had encouraged him to go on Twitter.

King has long been open to e-books and other digital innovations but had resisted Twitter. Fans were warned that he prefers books and was unlikely to tweet often, but he still had more than 30,000 followers 90 minutes after the announcement.

His opening words: "My first tweet. No longer a virgin. Be gentle!" □



# ABC's 'Scandal' reduced to 18 episodes



This undated publicity photo released by ABC shows Kerry Washington as Olivia Pope in a scene from the season finale, "White Hat's Back On," from ABC Television Network's show, "Scandal." Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — ABC says it will air four fewer episodes of "Scandal" than planned this season.

The television network on Friday didn't say why it will broadcast 18 instead of 22 episodes.

But the decision follows word that "Scandal" star Kerry Washington and her new husband, football player Nnamdi Asomugha (NAHM'-dee AH'-suhm-wah), are expecting a

baby.

The shortened schedule will wrap production early for its pregnant star.

After next Thursday's episode airs, "Scandal" will take a break and then return in late February with the final episodes of season three.

The drama series about Washington, D.C., intrigue is a ratings hit for ABC and earned an Emmy nomination for its lead actress. □

## Paris Hilton's brother assaulted at Miami party



In a Oct. 27, 2011 file photo, Barron Hilton arrives at amfAR's Inspiration Gala in Los Angeles. Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP) — Authorities say the brother of socialite Paris Hil-

ton was assaulted at a Miami Beach party.

A police report says 24-year-old Barron Hilton told authorities a man struck him in the face after the two had an argument at a party Friday in a Miami Beach home.

Hilton suffered deep cuts on his forehead and nose. He posted a photo of the injuries online.

Neither Hilton nor two witnesses could identify the suspect. According to the report, witnesses told police that the suspect wanted Hilton to leave and hit him in the face with an unknown object. □



This combination of 2013 file photos shows chefs, Nigella Lawson as she arrives at Isleworth Crown Court in London, left, and Paula Deen crying on NBC News' "Today" show in New York. In 2013, both made unsavory admissions about their pasts after being accused of unsavory acts.

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## Nigella Lawson: A brand blemished but unbowed

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When celebrity chefs cut themselves, how much they bleed is a matter of brand.

Case in point: this year's messy public eruptions around two of the food world's most powerful women, Paula Deen and Nigella Lawson. Both made unsavory admissions about their pasts after being accused of unsavory acts. Both found themselves at the center of a whirlwind of negative publicity and lawsuits. And both had two big things to lose — fortunes and reputations.

But while Deen seemed helpless and shocked as her empire crumbled in June, Lawson has remained stoic and mostly unscathed after revelations this past week, and her image among loyal fans could even be buoyed in the longer term. And the difference tells us much about the power of personal brand in 2013.

Fact is, we love the spectacle of off-screen chaos in stars' lives — the sex tapes, the arrests, the divorces, the boozing, the affairs. They become a value-added layer to the personalities

we love to watch. But while some might be appalled by Kim Kardashian's carnal video, it's more awkward sideshow than personal affront. Stars are there to entertain us, even when they don't intend to.

Food celebrities are a bit different. They seem more accessible and, however falsely, we bond with them. Their books, shows and tweets purport to bring us into their kitchens and connect us to their traditions in service of that most intimate of activities — sharing food. And we bring them into our kitchens, too, turning to them to help feed our families. So when they step out of line, how they've sold themselves to us matters, probably far more than they anticipated.

Deen was on the losing end of that lesson. This is a woman who urged fat-conscious America to embrace butter and all things fried. And she led us to the trough with a sassy grandmotherly vibe, a hard knocks coming-up story and tales of an amiable, genteel South. It was enough — barely — to insulate her in 2012 when she revealed she had both dia-

betes and a lucrative endorsement deal for a drug to treat the condition she'd until then hidden.

It smacked of opportunism and dishonesty, but it wasn't completely at odds with her public persona. People moved on.

Then the Food Network star became embroiled in a legal dispute with a former employee who accused her of racial discrimination and sexual harassment. The case, which ultimately was dismissed, got little attention until this summer when depositions were released in which Deen acknowledged using racial slurs in the past. It was an admission glaringly contrary to her homespun brand of Southern charm.

Coupled with a clunker of an apology, that admission upended her brand. Endorsement deals fell apart. The Food Network canceled her.

Appearances dried up. Folks didn't want that sort of language in their kitchens.

It's a few months later and now Lawson, a culinary import from England, is going through a wringer nearly as rough. □



## Cultural War Games



**GAIL COLLINS**

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In its ongoing effort to protect the American public from the War on Christmas, Fox News has a special online map highlighting current reported atrocities. I am looking at it now, and the message is clear: as problems go, this one is imaginary.

Some social conservatives embrace a seasonal victimhood this time of year, complaining that Christians are continually being mugged by anti-Christmas atheists bearing court orders. But the map pinpoints only a handful of alleged secular assaults, one of which is titled: "Salvation Army Volunteer Using Smaller Bell After Business Owner Complains."

This year's big book on the subject is by Sarah Palin, which makes it both best-selling and instantly passé. The title ("Good Tidings and Great Joy: Protecting the Heart of Christmas") is an attempt to spin a warm and fuzzy view of the War on the War, but I say, if you're going there, go all the way. Like Fox's John Gibson, who wrote "The War on Christmas: How the Liberal Plot to Ban the Sacred Christian Holiday Is Worse Than You Thought."

Palin does paint all attempts to remove religion from any aspect of the season as "the tip of the spear in a larger battle to secularize our culture and make true religious freedom a thing of America's past." She also takes a minute to lash out at "snickering" pundits who feel the whole "Happy Holidays" versus "Merry Christmas" issue is not a big deal. Such as the one who wrote a column in The Times under the headline "My Favorite War." Which, OK, was me.

"Good Tidings" is a rather small book, but it still needs a lot of filler: recipes, including one for smoked salmon spread, and family anecdotes. (When Bristol announced she was pregnant, Sarah initially wanted to make her get married, but Todd said no.) Then there was the year Granddad was taken off to the hospital for what everybody feared was a heart attack, but it turned out to be salmon poisoning.

As the teenaged Sarah Heath, Palin spent one Christmas hoping to get a mini-tape recorder. Her parents forced her to wait until the very end to unwrap her big present, which, she discovered while the rest of the family watched and chortled, was

actually a dictionary. The moral, as Palin tells it, is that her parents wanted her to know that "words matter." It sounds to me as though there was a mean streak in the Heath clan, which perhaps explains a lot.

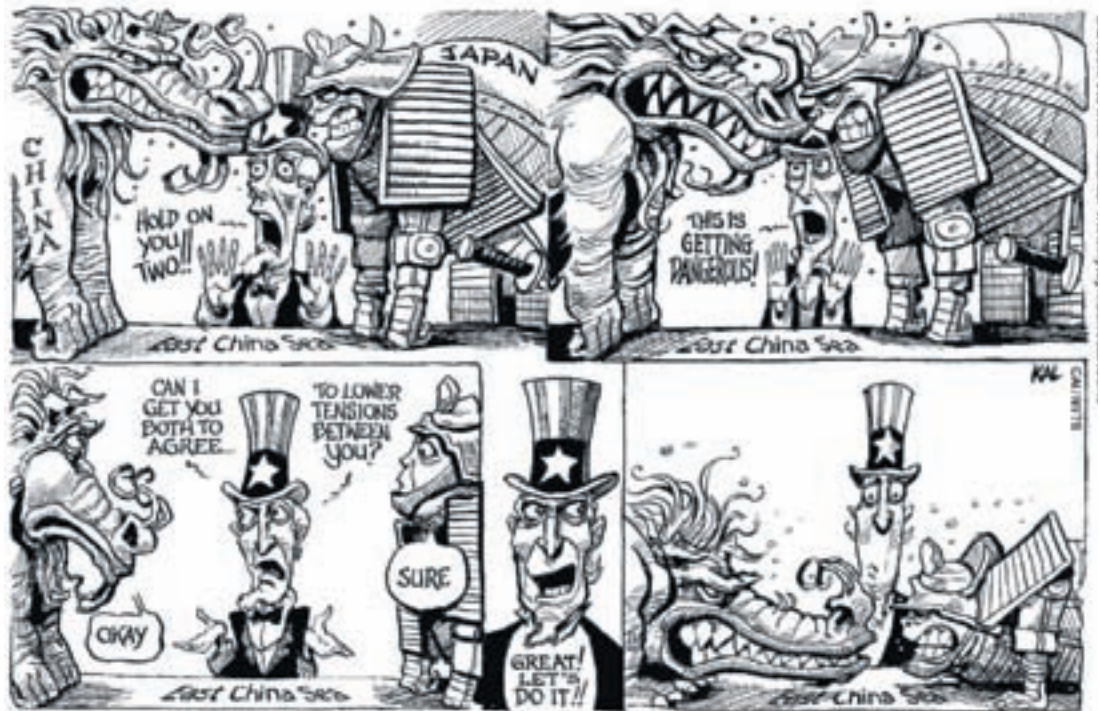
Led by the American Family Association and Fox News' Bill O'Reilly, conservative Christians have been encouraging boycotts of stores that do not directly connect their aim to sell massive amounts of clothes, toys, electronics and linens over the month of December with the birth of Christ. In her book, Palin recounts the sins and redemption of Wal-Mart, which also gives her a chance to mention that, in 2003, the chain gave its Wasilla outlet a special award for selling 325 miles of duct tape, which averaged out to 314 feet per resident. It's the kind of detail I appreciate.

This year, the American Family Association has been declaring war on Radio Shack for an alleged failure to mention Christmas enough, and celebrating a victory over Gap Inc. ("Complete turnaround!") A spokeswoman for Gap said in a phone interview that the company instructs its staff to cry "Merry Christmas!" and "Happy Hanukkah!" and "Joyous Kwanzaa!" to customers, which seems like a lot of effort at an already stressful time of the year. She also volunteered that the company's Old Navy brand ran TV ads last year "featuring the Griswold family from National Lampoon's 'Christmas Vacation.'"

So, more mentions of the birth of the Savior while promoting sweaters for the whole family. We'd be a slightly happier nation if we could just feel good about the ways that Americans make this swell-but-stressful season work. Palin brags about her role as Christmas Warrior when she was mayor of Wasilla. "I knew I'd be criticized and challenged for sanctioning the Nativity scene. ... But I didn't care," she writes. This was perhaps, in part, because there actually appeared to be no criticism or challenge whatsoever. Given the fact that approximately three-quarters of the American population is Christian, it seems highly unlikely that anyone will be in danger of forgetting that Dec. 25 commemorates the birth of Christ. But you can't make the entire period running from Thanksgiving to New Year a religious occasion. The holidays are for everyone: nearly six weeks of assorted celebrations, many of them simultaneously sacred and secular.

The season makes room for the complexity of our far-flung lives. You can rendezvous with long-separated siblings at Sea-World one weekend, take your spouse's parents to church the next. You can make a tradition out of anything from football to family dinners to re-running "It's a Wonderful Life." Some years you might have a better time than others, but the point is that everybody will be back to do it again in 12 months.

Happy holidays. □



## Today's Hatfields And McCoys



**NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF**

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When I studied Chinese many years ago, my teacher in Beijing explained to me the meaning of the word "hen" for hatred: It's the way we Chinese feel about Japan.

And, a couple of times over the years, I've had Chinese tell me that America's big mistake after World War II was failing to exterminate the entire Japanese population.

This loathing for Japan, now harnessed to a growing military power, forms the backdrop for dangerous tensions in the East China Sea. Nobody wants war over a handful of uninhabited rocks in the Pacific Ocean, but there's a risk of an accident spinning out of control. Moreover, Japan, China and the U.S. have botched their handling of these enormously sensitive territorial disputes, and we now have nationalists at the helm of Japan and China.

This is a chance for everyone to take a deep breath and think about the rise of China - the most important geopolitical trend of our time.

China is projected to surpass the U.S. to become the world's largest economy, after allowing for price differences, in about three years, according to estimates of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, group that includes the world's industrialized countries.

China's currency has just overtaken the euro as the second most used in trade finance, after the dollar.

China's government is investing heavily in its military, including a blue water navy, and plenty of Chinese believe that their government has been too conciliatory and wimpish. Indeed, a more democratic China might well be more assertive and more challenging to its neighbors - particularly Japan.

China actually has a reasonable claim to the Diaoyu Islands, as it calls them, although it is increasingly ham-handed in asserting those claims. The strongest evidence comes from Japanese government documents of the Meiji era, referring to the islands as China's and scheming to grab them - which is what Japan did when China was weak in 1895. It renamed the islands the Senkakus.

After World War II, the U.S. controlled the islands, and, in 1972, it handed over "administration" to its ally Japan without taking position on who owns them.

Conflict has grown with rising nationalism in both China and Japan (Taiwan, which also claims the islands, has been most level-headed).

Japan erred last year when it bought the islands from a private landowner - nationalizing them - despite strong warnings from both China and the U.S. Likewise, the Obama administration was wrong to say explicitly that it would back Japan in any war over the islands.

Really? We're ready to fight over uninhabited rocks when we don't even take a position on their ownership? If Washington's intention was to get Beijing to back off, this was counterproductive. The move just inflamed Chinese opinion.

"We are dealing with an extremely delicate situation," notes Cheng Li, a China expert at the Brookings Institution. He worries that Americans may not always appreciate the sensitivities involved.

China's new leader, Xi Jinping, is a complicated figure and a

self-confident nationalist who has ties to some of the fiery ultranationalists in the People's Liberation Army but also wants good relations with Washington. He presumably is behind China's declaration last month of an air defense identification zone that overlaps with disputed territory.

Xi badly overplayed his hand. There's nothing wrong with China declaring such a zone (the U.S. and Japan both have them), but it was done in a bellicose way that echoed similarly belligerence in the South China Sea. And the world doesn't have much sympathy for China's leaders when they bully neighbors, blockade news and social media websites, and imprison a Nobel Peace Prize winner like Liu Xiaobo.

China's Foreign Ministry officials offer Xi sensible counsel, but they are often outmaneuvered by hawks in the military. I once asked a Chinese general about moderate Foreign Ministry statements on the South China Sea. The general scoffed: "That's the Foreign Ministry's position, not China's position."

One risk is of a military accident like the 2001 collision of a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter aircraft.

The Chinese leader at the time, Jiang Zemin, returned the U.S. plane and crew, but Xi might not be so conciliatory.

The upshot is that we need crisis hotlines so we can manage a crisis if it happens.

The Obama administration also needs a senior point person for China, which it doesn't really have now.

For his part, Xi should realize that saber-rattling distracts from economic development and that an emerging great power like China cannot harness modern weaponry to old and almost tribal hatreds.

Those of us who admire China's accomplishments need to make the point that nationalist propaganda, muscle-flexing and demonizing Japan are dangerous games.

As a Chinese saying goes, it's easier to ride a tiger than to dismount. □



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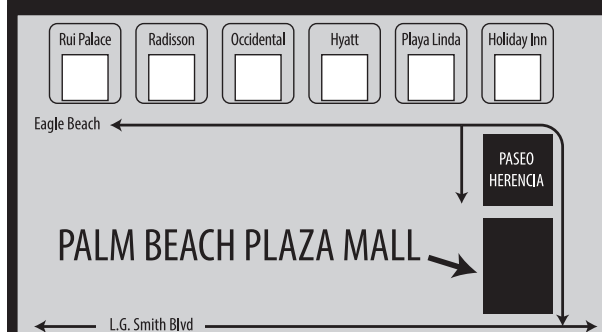
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Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an

Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbean-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprouted here and there.

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